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New carts to handle residents' yard waste

West Sacramento is rolling out new automated yard waste carts.

Beginning February 20, residential customers in all of West Sacramento will receive a new 96-gallon automated cart for use in disposing of yard waste. Using this new cart will allow residents to reduce the number of bags and cans needed while increasing the efficiency of collection.

Residents are asked to use the cart for grass, leaves and branches and place the filled cart at the curb on their regular refuse and recycling service day. For those homes with more material than will fit in the cart, the option of using 30 gallons cans and bags weighing no more than 40 lbs. is still available.

An unlimited amount of containerized yard waste will still be collected each week. To help keep the streets and gutters clean, loose material is not collected. For more information on cart delivery or program information, contact the City of West Sacramento at 617-4589.

Traffic heads-up for IKEA grand opening

From Art Schroeder
City of West Sacramento

On March 1, the city of West Sacramento officially welcomes the first IKEA store to open in the Central Valley. A five-day grand opening event, through March 5, celebrates the debut of IKEA's 27th store in the United States. The address is 700 IKEA Court, off I-80 at Reed Avenue, in West Sacramento's Riverpoint Center. The arrival of the world's leading home furnishings retailer will significantly expand the local shopping and dining opportunities within the city and attract customers from all over the region.

The grand opening weekend will be especially busy as customers visit the store for the first time. The city has been working closely with IKEA for several months to help ensure a smooth opening for West Sacramento residents and visitors alike.

To help ease the flow of customers and residents in and out of the city during the grand opening weekend:

· Law enforcement officers and private security personnel will be directing vehicle flow in the vicinity of IKEA and Reed Avenue—as well as monitoring freeway on- and off-ramps;

· In addition to the parking spaces at IKEA, there will be overflow parking for customers during the grand opening weekend;

· Vehicles will be directed to open parking spaces as they become accessible, so please allow for temporary delays;

· To help maintain vehicle traffic flow on Reed Avenue at all times, periodic detours and alternate routes will be activated to accommodate the needs of customers planning to shop as well as residents driving through the neighborhood;

· There will be "no parking" signs along public streets and private property adjacent to IKEA—please respect their posting.

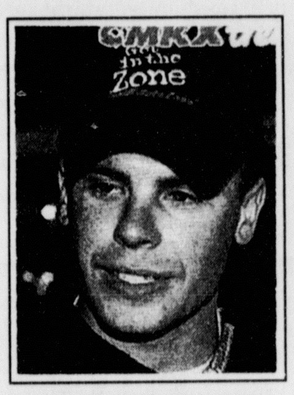
Though roads and parking lots will be busy during the grand opening weekend, the city of West Sacramento and IKEA look forward to providing a positive shopping experience for the public's first visit to IKEA West Sacramento.

For opening day, Wednesday, March 1, the store will be open 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Thereafter, the regular hours for IKEA West Sacramento will be 10 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. For updates on the IKEA opening, check the city Web site, www.cityofwestsacramento.org or the IKEA Web site, www.IKEA-usa.com.

Proudly in the breeze

'Old Glory' was up, in numbers, on West Capitol Avenue as part of Monday's commemoration of the Presidents Day holiday, honoring the births of presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

Lamar helps Stewart win



BURNEY LAMAR

West Sacramento native Burney Lamar took second place and helped teammate Tony Stewart to win the Hershey's Kissables 300 NASCAR Busch Series race on Saturday.

Lamar "did an awesome job," according to Stewart.

Stewart found himself side-by-side with Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Michael Waltrip near the finish. By the final lap, he found himself edging Clint Bowyer for the second-place honors behind Stewart.

The Florida crowd numbered about 100,000 at the track.

Camping for a gift certificate

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

FIRST IN LINE: Glenn Reynolds of Quincy, MA

At about one o'clock in the morning on February 5, a taxicab pulled up in front of the incomplete IKEA building near Reed Avenue in West Sacramento. Out popped Glenn Reynolds of Quincy, Massachusetts, fresh from a transcontinental flight.

Reynolds was toting a sleeping bag, tent and other implements of camping -- but not his favorite hooded sweatshirt. After all, his visit was to sunny California.

The cheerful New Englander succeeded in being the first person waiting in line to shop at the new home furnishings store when it opens on March 1. He hopes to be rewarded with a $3,000 gift certificate, which is in line with what IKEA has given to "first shoppers" at other stores.

Since Reynolds flew into town, a couple more tents have sprung up near his. You can see them from I-80 nearby.

"This is my second IKEA store opening," said Reynolds. "The first was in Massachusetts, and I managed to get second place. I got $2,000."

But that $2,000 didn't make him a wealthy shopper.

"I gave a thousand dollars to my sister to get a new refrigerator, $500 to my other sister because you have to be fair with sisters, and $500 for my brother," he quipped. "So pretty much what I ended up with is this IKEA hat."

But the employees at the new Massachusetts IKEA planted the idea for the West Sacramento trip.

"When I received my gift card, they said 'we're planning to open a Sacramento store in March – are you planning on going?' So I jumped on a plane and here I am, 3024 miles later."

Reynolds seems to be in this game for the sport more than anything else.

"I started at donut shop openings and I got into sporting goods chains. Now I'm into the bigtime stores. It's a challenge, and you always meet a bunch of interesting people. It's like a challange"

He is single and runs a shop detailing cars and boats for a living, "but in the winter, it's pretty quiet and I can do this," he said.

In return for 25 days of camping in front of the new IKEA's front door, hopes to get a sofa with the expected gift card.

One drawback of the competition is that he can't leave the premises before the grand opening.

"You can't leave your spot and you can't trade places to hold a spot," said Reynolds. "You have four bathrooms here, and they do allow us to go upstairs for a shower. When it got cold (last week) they brought me a comforter to help the sleeping bag keep me warm."

"I haven't seen much of West Sacramento, but it seems nice," he commented. "I should have brought my hooded sweatshirt – that's the only thing."

Conaway

A Yolo County judge ruled last week that a disputed 1,000 acres was not part of the county's eminent domain proceeding to acquire the Conaway Ranch property. The ruling restricted the county's effort to a remaining 16,300 acres, leaving out the remaining acreage in the in the southeast of the property.

The dispute centered around an earlier, inaccurate legal description in the county's "Resolution of Necessity" issued in November as part of the process to force the sale.

"I was surprised by the court's ruling today, in light of the court's own statements that it was clear to everyone the county was seeking to acquire the entire Conaway Ranch," said Stuart Somach, the county's attorney, in a press release.

"We are obviously disappointed in the ruling," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Frank Sieferman in a press release.

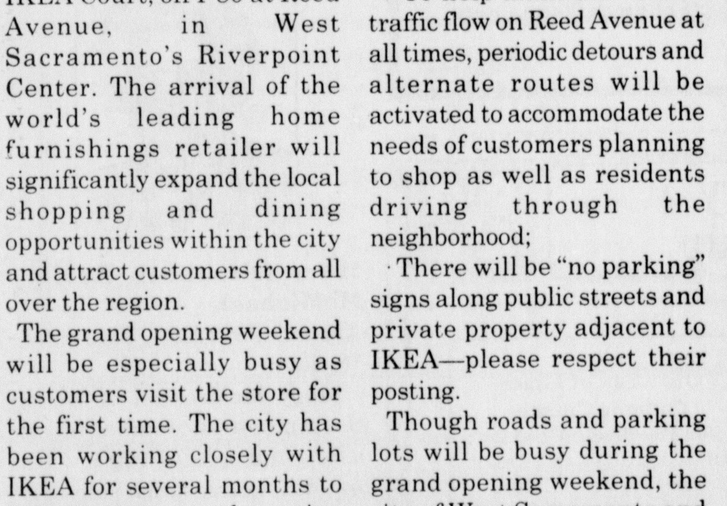
Bad checks

The Yolo County District Attorney's office reported that its check prosecution program recovered $18,161.44 during the month of January. The money was owed to area merchants from writers of bad checks.

Businesses or individuals who have received "NSF" checks or checks on closed accounts, and who haven't been able to obtain cooperation from the payer, are invited to contact the check program. Stolen or forged checks must be reported to local law enforcement agencies, but NSF or CLOSED account checks can be submitted to the D.A.'s check program.

Pick up forms from the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, 1414 Merkley Avenue, or visit www.yoloda.org/forms.htm.

For buffs of history & trains —



A display on the Sacramento Northern Electric Railroad is the focal point of the West Sacramento Historical Society Museum & Visitors Center, through May 31 at 324 Third Street. Hous are Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and weekends noon to 5 p.m. This railroad and others traveled through West Sacramento in the early 1900s. For more information, call 374-1849.

The sense of smell can make for powerful memories

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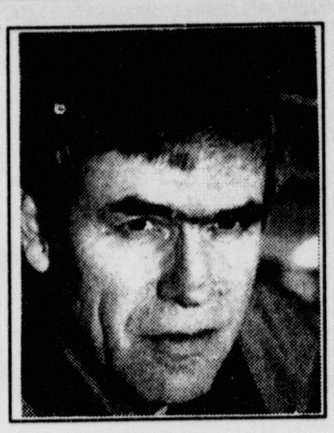

By Daryl Fisher

I was talking to a friend the other day who also grew up in West Sacramento and the subject somehow turned to our memories -- or the lack thereof.

"It's funny how a person's memory works," said my friend. "For instance, the older I get, the more I seem to remember just the good stuff."

"That's interesting," I said, "because I think I have a tendency to remember all the bad stuff."

"Well," said my friend, "just be thankful you don't live with my wife, because she can remember absolutely everything -- good and bad!"

"Really?"

"Oh, yeah, it's truly unbelievable. Anything that has ever happened in our life is documented in great detail somewhere in my wife's brain. I swear, she can remember things that even elephants forget."

After I returned his smile I said, "I guess that would be a little scary. I mean, there's lots of things in a lifetime that are just better forgotten about."

"Absolutely! But sometimes when we're having a little disagreement or fight she'll start retrieving things from her memory banks that happened twenty or thirty years ago -- stuff that I've completely forgotten about that I supposedly said or did. She'll just whip out those old memories of hers, dust them off a bit, and then start using them against me just like they happened yesterday."

"I think I read somewhere that most women have much better memories than men," I said. "There's probably some evolutionary reason for it. Anyway, my memory is actually so bad that it usually needs to be jogged before it works."

"How so?"

"Well, in my case," I explained, "it's smells."

"Smells?"

"Yeah, certain smells will immediately send me back to another place and time."

"Really?"

"For instance, when I was young, I was never much interested in getting out of a nice warm cozy bed and going off to school, so while my mother was getting herself ready to go to work, she would take time out from putting on her makeup and getting dressed to yell at me a bunch of times, or she would even come into my room and pull off all my covers."

"And that worked?"

"Of course not. But just before it was time for her to fly out the front door she would come back into my room one final time, learn over me, and say something to the effect that I was surely going to grown up to be a dunce if I didn't get my lazy butt out of bed and get to school on time."

"And that worked?"

"No," I said, "what actually woke me up and got me out of my bed was this god-awful perfume my mother always wore to work that for some reason I just couldn't bear to smell. I'm sure it was a perfectly good perfume that everyone else loved, but to me it was easily the worst smell mankind had ever invented and it would just linger there -- hover there -- over my head until I finally just had to get up out of my bed to escape from it. Then, since I was already up with nothing else to do, I would go ahead and go to school. I'm sure my mom always thought it was her well thought-out dunce speeches that reasoned me out of my warm bed on cold school mornings, but in reality, it was that terrible smelling perfume, and to this day, when a woman strolls by me wearing that particular fragrance, I am instantly ten-years old again and my mom is leaning over me trying to get me to go to school."

"What's the name of that perfume?"

"I knew the name of it once, but I forgot what it was called many years ago -- I told you, I have a bad memory -- but there are apparently women out there who are still convinced that it smells wonderful because I still get a whiff of it now and then, especially when I'm strolling around in a store or shopping mall. Anyway, that is just one of many smells that can jog my memory. There are plenty of others, like the smell of fresh newsprint, which immediately takes me back to my days of being a Sacramento Bee Boy, sitting by myself in my parent's garage on Michigan Boulevard, endlessly folding and putting rubber bands around newspapers which were right off the press; or the smell of really organic dirt I sometimes run across up in the foothills, especially after a heavy rain, which will immediately send me back to Vietnam, where the earth smelled so good and fertile; or the smell of Dentine chewing gum, which always reminds me of a girl I was crazy about in high school who constantly chewed the stuff and had the greatest breath."

"Yuck!"

"Sorry."

"So," asked my friend, "did your mom ever find out you couldn't stand her work perfume?"

"No, I don't think so. But when I still get a whiff of it now and then there's actually a very good memory mixed in with all the gagging I used to do."

"What's the good memory?"

"That my mom loved me enough to yell at me, pull off my covers, and even throw water on me, which she did more than once, to get me out of my bed and on my way to school. She always threatened to just let me sleep away and miss my classes to teach me a lesson, but she never did."

"So, you're saying that without your mom and her perfume you might have turned out to be a dunce?"

"Exactly."

"Actually," said my friend as kindly as he could, "I think that is still an open debate with quite a few people, isn't it?"

The rest of the story...

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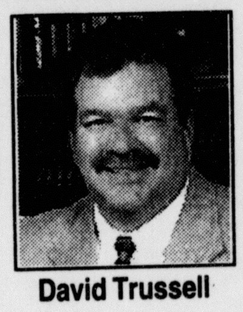

David Trussell

Q: What are rates doing? Are they going up? What will rates be in 6 months? How can I guarantee my rate/payment for the long haul?
A: "moving", "yes/no", "I don't know", fixed rate"

These are daily questions we get in the mortgage industry. It is safe to say we can forecast a "RANGE" that rates will be within the coming days, weeks, and maybe even a month out, but past that...well lets just say the glass ball gets kinda fuzzy....

Nobody can truly predict what rates will do, only very good educated guesses. Even the people who decide what the rates are can't predict what rates are going to do farther out than "really" that day. So every rate is good, especially when rates are moving up, then you can say, "well at least I got in, in time", and if rates go down, then you always have the ability to refinance. Mortgage rates are incredibly sensitive to the borrower and their specific situation. It is safe to say that each and every borrower is different. They have different jobs, different credit, different debt, different credit scores, different houses, different savings, and just simply different circumstances. Because of everybody's different circumstances, their mortgage program may be different then, say...their next-door neighbor, or a co-worker. Every loan program has its own unique rate parameters.

No matter what unique situation you are in, you should never be paying more than one to two points for a loan, plus normal closing cost, and if all possible you should always avoid any pre-payment penalty, (if possible). After that, the rate you choose will be determined on your circumstance.

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OBITUARY

Mary Elizabeth Reilly McMichael

(March 23, 1922 -- February 18, 2006)

Mary McMichael of West Sacramento succumbed after a long and painful battle with mesothelioma which she contracted as a shipyard welder. Like "Rosie the Riveter", Mary performed defense work in World War II. She was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and raised at the St. Vincent Orphan Home. She is survived by her sons, Herbert McMichael of Pauma Valley, California and Richard McMichael of West Sacramento. She was a thoughtful and loving mother-in-law to Rhonda and Julia McMichael and a doting grandmother to Skye, Temet and Cameron.

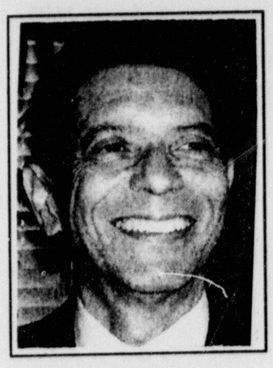
In her youth, Mary loved swimming and diving. She was an enthusiastic, thoughtful and wonderful friend to many, especially her "sister", Pauline Brecker. She was also known for her lively sense of humor.

Mary was a resident of Margaret McDowell Manor and an inveterate traveler and walker. She received loving care at Somerset Nursing Center and Yolo Hospice throughout her illness. There will be a memorial mass at Our Lady of Grace Church, 911 Park Boulevard in West Sacramento on February 27, 2006 at 10 a.m. followed by a Celebration of Life at Margaret McDowell Manor, 1525 Merkley Avenue in West Sacramento.

SPORTS

SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa



By Richard Novoa

The 2006 Winter Olympics are heading down their last slalom this week in Italy while the major league baseball player's head to Florida and Arizona to warm-up their pitching arms. The weather in Italy looks warmer on TV compared to the cold winter storms hitting California and the rest of the nation. Maybe the IOC should add baseball to the Winter Olympics menu.

Ballplayers are scheduled to report to spring training this week but don't count on Mr. Bonds to show up on time in Scottsdale. Bonds, 42, informed the Giants he will be a few days late while A's pitcher, Barry Zito, arrived a few days early in Phoenix. I wonder if Zito, who is in his last year of a five-year $8.5 million contract, is looking for a new contract? He has been struggling the past few years and only posted a 14-13 season last year.

On the other hand, Bonds, who only needs 7 more home runs to surpass Babe Ruth's record, is talking about retirement again. Bonds has always been bored with spring training but he is still bothered by his surgically repaired knee and is reported to be carrying and extra 25 pounds.

Speaking of boring, the NBA All-Star game on Sunday was another exhibition of basketball greatest players having fun running and gunning but it wasn't really a game. It was a popularity contest to see who would get the game MVP trophy.

I was disappointed that Sacramento had no representation in this year All-Star classic in Houston. No Bibby, no Miller, no three-point shooter or dunk competition! The league could have at least considered selecting guards Francisco Garcia or Kevin Martin for the rookie game. I bet you a couple the Kings will play in next years NBA All-Star game in the Maloof's backyard in Las Vegas.

Kings Korner

The Kings (24-29) have been home enjoying their All-Star break as they prepare for their second half-playoff surge. Since the Peja trade the Kings have adjusted their defense and picked up the tempo on offense with the arrival of Ron Artest.

In his 11 games as a King, Artest has averaged 18 points, 6 rebounds, 3.6 assists and 2.9 steals per game. Bibby has been averaging around 16 points which is a little down from the 21 points he averaged before Artest's arrival but the Kings won five of their last seven games and are only 2 ½ games out of the eighth playoff spot. The two keys to the playoff run will be to win on the road and the return of Bonzi Wells next week!

On Tuesday night the Kings begin their push to the playoffs at home against the Golden State Warriors followed by a short trip to Los Angeles (TNT- 7:30) on Thursday to face Kobe and his Lakers. After the Kings get another three-day rest over the weekend the Kings will return home to host Portland on Monday night. This three game span is crucial for the Kings because they will head back east on March 1st to play five tough road games.

The cold weather trip will take the Kings to Cleveland, Atlanta, Washington, New Jersey and finally to Milwaukee. Counting Tuesday's game against the Warriors the Kings only have 13 home games remaining this season and 16 road games! Kings can turn around the season but they must learn to win on the road if the playoffs are in their cards.

Boxing

On Saturday night don't miss the Fernando Vargas 12-round junior middleweight bout against Sugar Shane Mosley. Mosley, 34, is 41-4 with 35 KO's while the younger Vargas, 28, sports a respectable 26-2, 22 KO's record. This HBO pay-per-view event should be worth the $44.95. Both of these warriors need a victory in the worst way especially Mosley who lost back-to-back bouts last year against champion Ronald "Winky" Wright.

Enjoy your day – see ya next week!

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Date: Jan 19, 2006
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Sports QUIZ
by Chris Richcreek

1. Name the last team to have five starters for one league in baseball's All-Star Game.
2. How many seasons has Houston's Craig Biggio been hit by 30 or more pitches?
3. Who threw for more regular-season yards during his NFL career — Bob Griese or Roger Staubach?
4. The past five NCAA men's basketball champions have come from how many conferences?
5. Who was the No. 1 overall draft pick in the first NHL universal amateur draft in 1969?
6. Name the last time the U.S. won the men's gymnastics team combined exercises at the Summer Olympics.
7. Name the only two players to win the PGA's Mercedes Championship three consecutive years.

Answers, page 4

RAIDER ROUNDUP:

River City High sports summary

By Troy Turner

Varsity Boys Basketball

The varsity boys team ended the 2005-06 season last week.

Against Rio Linda, the River City team fell behind early and couldn't catch up. Final score was 50-36 in favor of Rio Linda.

Later in the week, the Raiders easily beat the Dixon Rams to end the season on a winning note. RCHS led Dixon 47-27 at halftime and never looked back.

There was a ceremony to honor the following seniors for their years of dedication: Demetrius Barbary, Angel Lopez, Matt Johnson, Julio Torres, Jordan Coggins and Manny Andrade.

Varsity Girls Basketball

The Lady Raiders also ended their season last week.

They almost pulled out a win against Rio Linda, trailing 42-41 after three quarters. During the fourth quarter, the Raiders had several chances to take the lead, but could not capitalize on Rio Linda's mistakes, and lost to Rio Linda 62-59.

Two nights later, River City traveled to Dixon and came home victorious.

The following seniors were recognized after their final RCHS home game: Sarah Liden, Johnna Sulpizio, Alyssa Reyes and Ally West.

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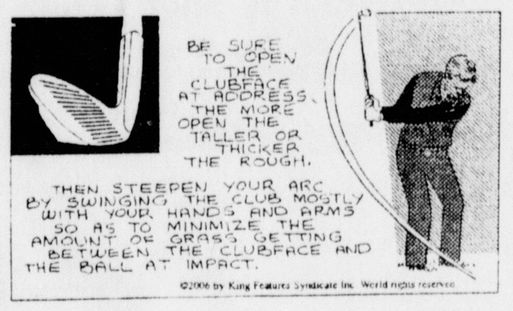
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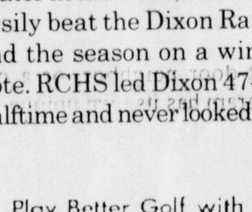

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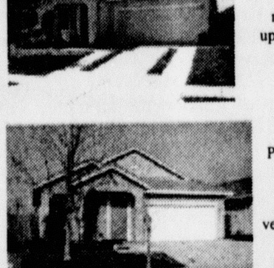

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At the library: some new books worth checking out

By Elise McCallan
Arthur F. Turner Branch Library
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"'Don't Know Much About Mythology: Everything You Need to Know About the Greatest Stories in Human History but Never Learned" by Kenneth C. Davis.

"The Greater Generation: In Defense of the Baby Boom Legacy" by Leonard Steinhorn.

"On Grief and Grieving: Finding the Meaning of Grief Through the Five Stages of Loss" by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross and David Kessler.

"The Last Shot: The Incredible Story of the CSS Shenandoah and the True Conclusion of the American Civil War" by Lynn Schooler.

"Sleep to Save Your Life: The Complete Guide to Living Longer and Healthier Through Restorative Sleep" by Gerard T. Lombardo, M.D.

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New York State is home to the halls of fame for baseball, boxing, horse racing, soccer and international women's sports.

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Director of Community Development, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd floor, West Sacramento, California 95691, until 2:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday, March 22, 2006 at which time and place they will be publicly opened for the construction of:

Delta Garden Park 3.3 Acers
Located at 1310 Cold Springs Road

Optional Site Walkthrough: A site walkthrough is scheduled on the following date:

Friday March 3, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

The site walkthrough is offered as an opportunity to view site conditions and meet City Facilities Development Division staff assigned to the project.

The proposed work consists of the following:

Description of Work: The work will consist of the construction of new park facilities, and all related components necessary to complete the work as specified in the Contract plans titled, "Delta Gardens Park", and these Specifications. In addition, the work includes the replacement of any permanent and temporary facilities removed or damaged as a consequence of the execution of this Contract.

Completion of Work: All construction work shall be completed within One Hundred Fifty (150) Calendar days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed.

Obtaining Contract Documents: Plans and specifications may be examined at the office of the Director of Community Development, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd floor, West Sacramento, California 95691. A copy of bid documents may be obtained at the office upon request and payment of $25.00 or may be mailed upon request and payment of $35.00. The amount of the payment is non-refundable. Project specifications may be purchased separate from the plans for a cost of $10.00 over the counter or $15.00 by mail.

Bid Guarantee:

Each proposal must be accompanied by cash, a cashier's check, certified check or bid bond, executed on the prescribed form, in an amount not less than ten (10) percent of the total bid price payable to the City of West Sacramento. The Proposal Guarantee must be enclosed in the same envelope with the Bid.

Construction License: The successful bidder must possess a current a Class "A" General Engineering Contractor's License issued by the State of California.

Award: The award shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder for the base bid, whose proposal complies with the specified requirements and according to the "selection policy and criteria" described in the bid package. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of bids.

Wage Rates: Bidders are hereby notified that the California Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the work.

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ORDINANCE SUMMARY

At their regular meeting on February 15, 2006 the West Sacramento City Council adopted by the vote noted below Ordinance 06-4 approving a PD 30 amendment; Ordinance 06-5 approving a development agreement between the city and Teel Family Trust & D/P Fourth Street and Signature Properties; Ordinance 06-6 approving a development agreement between the city and Panattoni; 06-7 approving a development agreement between Raley's and Principal Real Estate Investors; Ordinance 06-8 approving a development agreement between the city and Raley's and Prinicipal Real Estate Investors.

AYES: Beers, Kristoff, Pierson, Villegas, Cabaldon
NOES: None

Feb 22

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 20, 2006
File No. 2006-087

The following person is doing business as Just Relax, 1917 Birmingham Ave., W. Sac. CA 95691:

Karen Heinz, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

/s/Karen S. Heinz

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Jan 20, 2006
by: /Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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ANSWERS to Sports Quiz (P. 3) & Puzzles (P. 8)

— Weekly SUDOKU —
Answer

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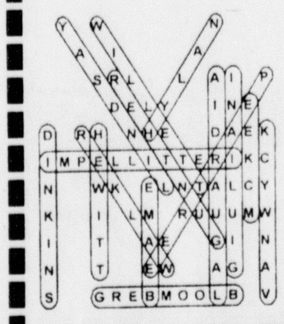

Differences: 1. Boy is moved. 2. Golf club is missing. 3. Tree is added. 4. Golf shoe is different. 5. Hedge is missing. 6. Zipper is added.

Answers

1. The 1976 Cincinnati Reds (Johnny Bench, Dave Concepcion, George Foster, Joe Morgan, Pete Rose).
2. Once — he was hit by 34 pitches in 1997.
3. Bob Griese threw for 25,092 yards, Staubach for 22,700 yards.
4. Two — the ACC (North Carolina, Maryland, Duke) and the Big East (Connecticut, Syracuse).
5. Montreal selected left wing Rejean Houle.
6. It was in 1984. The only other time the U.S. men won the event was 1904.
7. Gene Littler (1955-57) and Stuart Appleby (2004-06).

1. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the winter-sports resort city of Innsbruck?
2. ARCHITECTURE: What is London's largest cathedral?
3. MILITARY: What was the name of the last U.S. battleship built?
4. LITERATURE: Which satirical novel's main character is named Yossarian?
5. TELEVISION: When did "I Love Lucy" go on the air?
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was president when the United States bought Alaska?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: In the Census of 1810, roughly what was the population of the United States?
8. MYTHOLOGY: The legendary Midas with the golden touch was said to be king of where?
9. HISTORY: When did the American Revolutionary War end?
10. CARTOONS: Who supplies the voice of Lisa on the animated series "The Simpsons"?

Answers

1. Austria
2. St. Paul's
3. USS Missouri
4. "Catch-22"
5. 1951
6. Andrew Johnson
7. About 7 million
8. Phrygia
9. 1783
10. Yeardley Smith

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С официальным определением границ действия проекта, предложенной поправкой, отчетом EIR и отчетом Агентства для Муниципального совета о Поправке можно ознакомиться в обычные рабочие часы в офисе Агентства по реконструкции West Sacramento и в офисе Секретаря муниципального совета, расположенном в административно-общественном центре West Sacramento по адресу: West Sacramento Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Avenue в West Sacramento. Копию официального определения границ можно бесплатно получить по запросу. Копии других документов можно получить по цене услуг копирования.

Общественность также приглашается на собрание Регионального комитета по проекту, посвященное Проекту реконструкции района West Sacramento №1 (PAC), 13 февраля 2006 г. в 18.00 в Галерее муниципального совета, расположенной в административно-общественном центре West Sacramento, находящемся по адресу: West Sacramento Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Avenue в West Sacramento. Целью собрания является представление предложенной Поправки, консультации и получение мнения жителей и общественных организаций в отношении предложенной Поправки, а также получение рекомендаций в отношении проекта PAC по предложенной Поправке.

Общественность также приглашается на встречу Муниципального совета 8 марта 2006 г. в 19.00 в зале муниципального совета West Sacramento, расположенном по адресу: West Sacramento Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Avenue в West Sacramento. Муниципальный совет планирует рассмотрение предложенных поправок в формате семинаров, входящих в их повестку дня. Примите, пожалуйста, во внимание, что в повестку дня и расписание при необходимости могут быть внесены изменения.

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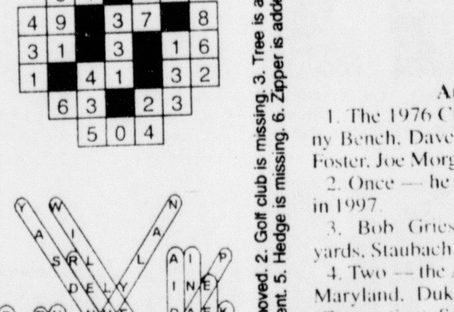

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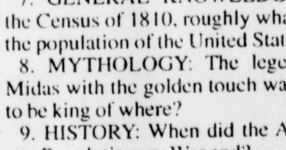

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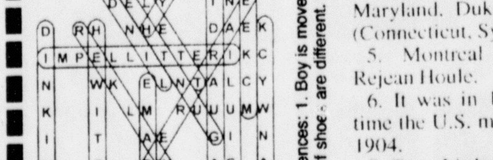

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POLICE LOG

Feb. 15

An officer contacted a 38-year old male transient jaywalking on the 400 block of C Street. The man had nine outstanding warrants from Sacramento, and was jailed in Yolo.

Feb. 16

A 58-year old man came to West Sacramento Police Department headquarters because his car had been towed. A records check indicated there was an outstanding warrant for the man's arrest. He was booked.

Feb. 16, 8:49 p.m.

A Southport video store reported that two males around 19 years old had just stolen a number of DVDs, then ran off in different directions. But a car related to the suspects was believed to be still nearby.

Feb. 16, 9:57 p.m.

An incarcerated man was reportedly telephoning threats to a West Sacramento woman, saying he would have her boyfriend "taken out."

Feb. 17, 4:38 a.m.

An officer stopped a wrong-way driver on the 800-block of West Capitol Avenue. The man was unable to complete a field sobriety test, and measured 0.18 percent blood alcohol (a level of 0.08 is "presumed intoxicated.") He was arrested.

Feb. 17, 9:14 a.m.

Unknown suspects reportedly vandalized a vehicle on Sawbills Court, damaging the driver-side door and the hood.

Feb. 17, 10:49 a.m.

A student at River City High was arrested for having a weapon on campus.

Feb. 17, 11:41 a.m.

A laptop computer was reported stolen from Yolo High.

Feb. 17, 1:45 p.m.

A student was reported to be detained in the office of Bridgeway Island Elementary School after being caught vandalizing a teacher's car.

Feb. 17, 2:56 p.m.

The rear window of a vehicle on Meadowlark Circle was reported to have been "shot out" during the night.

Feb. 17, 4:16 p.m.

A payphone was stolen from a gas station on Jefferson Blvd. Its value was estimated at $1,750.

Feb. 17, 4:20 p.m.

An officer saw a 39-year old homeless man bicycling near Rockrose and Madrone, towing a small trailer filled with scrap wire. Checking to see if the wire was stolen, the officer found that there was a local warrant for the subject's arrest. The man was arrested, and the bike was left at the site for a relative to pick up.

Feb. 18, 7:02 a.m.

Employees at a business on the 1600-block of Enterprise found that someone had apparently climbed the fence at night and broken the windows on five trucks. The trucks' interiors were ransacked, but nothing appeared to be missing.

Feb. 18, 9:24 a.m.

On Fourness Drive, a car was reported to have been stolen during the early morning hours.

Feb. 18, 3:11 p.m.

A 12-year old was caught tearing the roof shingles from atop a shed at River City High. The youth was released to his mother; the school agreed to itemize the damage and seek reimbursement.

Feb. 18, 4:28 p.m.

A real estate agent on Savannah Lane reported that her car had been burglarized. Missing were the agent's lockbox and keys for accessing homes she was selling. Also missing was sales paperwork and a television set.

Feb. 18, 4:42 p.m.

A caller said that about eight juveniles were at an Evergreen Avenue skate park, and at least one had brandished a gun at passers-by.

Feb. 18, 11:50 p.m.

An Arthur Drive man saw two men running from his yard. When he checked his room, he found the window open and a stereo missing.

Feb. 19, 12:30 a.m.

A caller reported seeing a pickup truck go off the road into a ditch near a nightclub on the 4200-block of West Capitol. Police arrested two men in the pickup for intoxication.

Feb. 19, 10 a.m.

A subject called police from a payphone on the 1500-block of Sacrametno Avenue, saying he had been "jumped" and a pistol had been drawn on him. Police checked the residence of the suspect, and checked others present at the residence, but found no weapon. The caller appeared drunk and was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Feb. 19, 1:57 p.m.

A convalescent home reported that a visitor at the front desk said he was suicidal and had a gun. Police responded. No gun was found.

Feb. 19, 5:21 p.m.

A 2000 Acura was reported to have been stolen from near a Madrone Avenue apartment, with a .45 caliber handgun in its glove compartment. The car and gun were later recovered by the Yolo Sheriff's Department.

In the Marines

Marine Corps Pfc. Tyler A. Baker, son of Majel Small and Jay A. Baker of West Sacramento recently completed the Small Arms Repair Course at the U.S. Army's Proving Ground in Aberdeen, Maryland.

During the course, Baker learned how to operate, inspect, maintain and repair rifles, pistols, shotguns and numerous other weapons, preparing him to work at a military base armory, providing weapons support.

Baker joined the Marine Corps in June of 2005 after his graduation for West Sacramento's River City High School.

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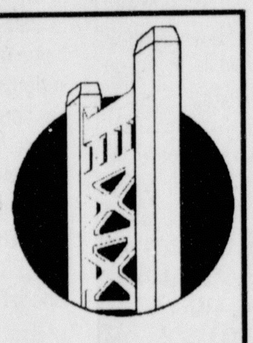

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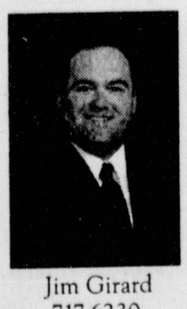

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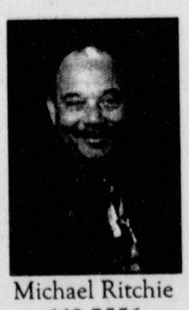

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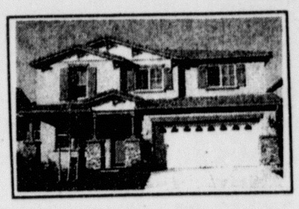

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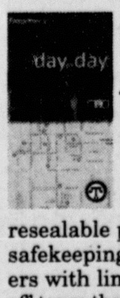

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OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial

Bits & pieces

The entry for "West Sacramento" in the Wikipedia is a bit sparse. But the good news is, you can fix that.

Wikipedia is an innovative online encyclopedia, open to revision by its users. It can be found at www.wikipedia.org. Currently, the encyclopedia lists some rather sparse census data and historical information about this town. But compared to the kind of detailed information found in Sacramento's entry, it's not enough. West Sacramento's enty needs more "color."

And Sacramento, by the way, lays claim to both the River Cats and the Port of Sacramento in its encyclopedia entry. Both of these institutions, of course, are over here, on the "right" side of the river.

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Remember the Brown Act violation at West Sacramento's school board late in 2005, never addressed by the board? The Contra Costa times reports that a Livermore school board "cured" a Brown Act violation last month.

The board met in closed session and voted to fire a principal, who later complained that he was never given notice his job was the topic of their discussion. The principal challenged the adequacy of the public notice of the agenda item. The school board then scheduled a second meeting with better public notice, and reaffirmed its decision – but the second meeting took place during a holiday weekend, and some parents complained they still were not able to be present to give their input.

A "partial" fix remains better than none.

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There are some things going right here at Washington Unified School District:

Interim Superintendent David Tooker is getting good reviews for a businesslike approach to his job.

The school board is still having trouble getting that new high school built, but give them credit for trying to build it without bankrupting the district, and without using up every available nickel and dime. The board recognizes, correctly, that it is going to have to come up with other money in the near future to build other schools.

The board deserves credit, as well, for what appears to be a sincere search to find the best possible person for the district's superintendent position.

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Letters to the Editor

Watching the schools

My, how this community has grown since I moved here in January of 1986. To my eyes, we've gone from an incongruous collection of discrete, acrimonious communities in a neglected corner of Yolo County; to then, when city hood arrived, a multi-separatist, still semi-acrimonious, somewhat distrustful collection of old and new neighborhoods. Now we seem to be a collection of unique neighborhoods who've just proven to me that where our children's education or safety are concerned, and/or the processes by which their educators are judged, or how our educational funds are expended, we can act as one community.

The events that cause me to believe this evolution is a real and positive progression are twofold. First, the ongoing inquiry by concerned citizens and parents into the how's and why's of our school board's handling of taxpayer approved funds for the construction and educational direction of our new, yet star-crossed high school. Second, the imbroglio that has erupted over the handling of Messrs. Geivett and Seffens disciplinary actions by two of our glittering jewels of incompetence, the school board, and its lack of oversight or control of its district's associate superintendent.

I wish to personally thank Brother Grimm for drawing this community even closer together. I also call upon the State Board of Education, the State Attorney General's Office, and the California State Bar Association to thoroughly investigate the unconscionable public release of Mr. Seffens' sealed information. As they used to say on Rowan and Martin's Laugh In: "Put that in your Funk and Wagnals".

J. BESHARIAN
West Sacramento

They're not interested in facts

The letters to the editor published in last week's edition prove my point. Seffens' and Geivett's defenders are not interested in the facts. Every single one of the authors resorts to the same old tactic -- attack the messenger not the message.

None of the letters refute any of the findings of the Sacramento Perry-Smith firm that completed the audit of the student accounts over which Mr. Seffens exercised control and oversight. Not a single letter refutes Perry-Smith's findings that Mr. Seffens repeatedly violated the law and misappropriated student funds. If more than $11,000 was missing from the letter writers' personal account would they so easily write it off?

The suggestion by Mr. Besharian and Ms. Harris that the information in my letter was taken from "apparently sealed testimony and sealed personnel files" is false. Just ask Mrs. Geivett. As I made clear in my presentation to the board last week, everything about Mr. Seffens' conduct and his culpability is taken from records obtained under the Public Records Act. Mrs. Geivett herself knows this since my requests were processed through the superintendent's office.

Your writers also criticize me for my attack upon the credibility and impartiality of the newspaper. To those defenders of the News-Ledger let me share some other interesting facts. I reviewed the News-Ledger editions for the period June 29, 2005 through December 28, 2005. Here is what the review uncovered.

The News-Ledger prints letters predominantly from the same few critics of the school district. Letters from the Langfords were printed in 14 of 27 editions of the paper -- more than half of all the editions in the last six months. Letters from Liz Bagdazian followed closely behind at 12 out of the 27 editions. Ten letters by J. Besharian have been published during the same time period. Taken altogether, one third of all letters to the editor published by the News-Ledger between June and December 2005 were from just those three people. There have been only four editions of your paper in that six-month period that did not include at least one letter from Langford, Bagdazian, or Besharian.

Langford, Besharian, and Bagdazian repeat the same old themes in their letters. Little in the way of constructive ideas comes from their pens. Furthermore, do they disclose their relationships with Seffens and Geivett? I personally sat at a board meeting several weeks ago and watched Ms. Langford chat non-stop with Mrs. Geivett for the entire time the board was in closed session.

Please explain to your readers the reason for the overwhelming number of Langford, Besharian, and Bagdazian letters. Are they your employees? Are they your friends? Are they the only people that write to you? Or do you have an agenda? I challenge the Langfords, Besharians, and Bagdazians and other defenders of your impartiality to find another paper in the country in which the same three persons' letters appear as frequently as their letters do in the News-Ledger.

Your letter writers are correct on one thing. I do write out of personal concern, love, and respect for Ms. Cotterell. In the associate superintendent, you have a woman of courage, intelligence, skill, experience, compassion, decisiveness, and knowledge needed to lead a school district. You would be lucky to have her at the helm but frankly you deserve the dysfunction, destructiveness, and disaster that WUSD was and will be as long as the community fails to step forward and respond to the shrill voices of the Langfords, Bagdazians and others. Please go right ahead and hire another good ole boy for your school district -- they have really done the job for you in the past.

WILLIAM L. GRIMM
Oakland, California

Editor's note: Mr. Grimm asks us to explain why letters from several individuals appear in this space frequently. The answer is that these individuals regularly take the time to write us letters, just as Mr. Grimm himself has done twice in the last three weeks.

We print letters we receive on local topics unless they seem libelous or incomprehensible

Please see LETTERS, p. 11

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
PT06-84

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner KIN YEE KWAN, CHORTING ANNE CHENG filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows: Present name HAYMAN KWAN; Proposed name ASHLEY HAYMAN KWAN.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: March 16, 2006, at 8:30 a.m., Dept. 11, at 812 Court St., Woodland CA.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: West Sacramento Press.

Jan. 24, 2006
THOMAS E. WARRINER, Judge of the Superior Court
Feb 22 Mar 1 8 15 appt

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan. 24, 2006
File No. 2006-092

The following person is doing business as Merryhill School, 1451 River Park Drive #141, Sacramento CA 95815:

Nobel Learning Communities, Inc. (incorp in Delaware), 1615 West Chester Pike, Ste. 200, West Chester PA 19382-6223.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/27/00.

/s/William Bailey, Asst. Secty.
Nobel Learning Communities Inc.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Jan24, 2006
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk
Feb 22 Mar 1 8 15
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb. 09, 2006
File No. 2006-166

The following person is doing business as Meddock & Sons, Inc., 16608 County Rd. 98B, Woodland CA 95695:

Inakay Meddock, 16608 County Rd 98B, Woodland CA 95695; Dwayne Meddock, 7507 Westover Ct., Fair Oaks CA 95628.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/23/06.

/s/Inakay Meddock, Secretary
Meddock & Sons

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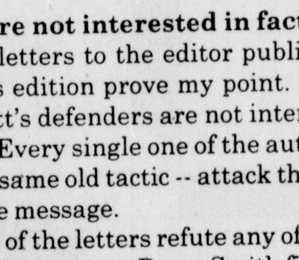
State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Feb. 9, 2006
by: /Valerie Clinton, Deputy Clerk
Feb 22 Mar 1 8 15



The tallest structure in the U.S. is a TV tower in North Dakota that's 2,063 feet high.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 26, 2006
File No. 2006-114

The following person is doing business as The Video Bridal Guide, 2335 Cable Ct., W Sacramento CA 95691:

James Foust III, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/1/06.

/s/James Foust III

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County of Yolo
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by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb 6, 2006
File No. 2006-148

The following person is doing business as Granite Creations, 1709 Michigan Blvd., W. Sacto CA 95691:

Brian J. Sax, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/20/06.

/s/Brian J. Sax

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Jan. 20, 2006
by: /Valerie Clinton, Deputy Clerk
Feb 8 15 22 Mar 1

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 05-17698 Doc ID #00054456152005N Title Order No. 2814524 Investor/Insurer No. 0435401563729 APN No. 010-513-10-1 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/19/1995. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER." Notice is hereby given that ReconTrust Company, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by ELIZABETH VELASCO AN UNMARRIED WOMAN AND LUIS M. HERNANDEZ, AN UNMARRIED MAN AND GLORIA HERNANDEZ AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, dated 07/19/1995 and recorded 07/26/95, as Instrument No. 95-0016255-00, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, will sell on 03/01/2006 at 12:00PM, At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 608 ANDREW STREET, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA, 95605. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $70,602.54. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 02/08/2006 ReconTrust Company, N.A. 1757 TAPO CANYON ROAD, SVW-88 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (805) 578-6618 By: Trustee's Sale Officer ReconTrust Company, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 754687 02/08/2006, 02/15/2006, 02/22/2006

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A Negative Declaration has been prepared for the Collins Tentative Parcel Map in the City of West Sacramento at 2685 Davis Road (Assessor's Parcel Number 046-160-161). This Negative Declaration has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts caused by subdivision of a 4.37± acre parcel into a 1.87± acre parcel and a 2.50± acre parcel for residential development.

The Negative Declaration concludes that there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment. Copies of the Negative Declaration will be on file beginning Wednesday, February 22, 2006, in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd Floor, West Sacramento, CA 95691, (916) 617-4645.

Any affected or interested parties may submit comments to the Community Development Department no later than **Wednesday, March 15, 2006.** Any affected or interested parties may also appear at the **Thursday, March 16, 2006** Planning Commission meeting and comment on the Negative Declaration and/or the proposed project.

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider adoption of the Negative Declaration on Thursday, March 16, 2006 in the City Council chambers located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd Floor, West Sacramento, California, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

Feb 22

Notice of Non-Responsibility

As of Jan. 20, 2006, I, Gerald Barber, am not responsible for any debts or obligations incurred by Sharilyn (Kathe) Barber.

Feb. 22

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 10, 2006
File No. 2006-031

The following person is doing business as Steek: Steek Magazine, 3302 Via Verde Terrace, Davis CA 95616:

Rebecca Boxwell, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/1/06.

/s/Rebecca Boxwell

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Jan 10, 2006
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk
Feb 1 8 15 22

Notice of Trustee's Sale T.S. No. 200502081-25967 Title Order No. 5273244 Loan No. 0016753675 You are in default under a deed of trust, dated 10/02/1989. Unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale. If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceeding against you, you should contact a lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. Trustor(s): Steven P. Koehler and Lori A. Koehler, husband and wife Recorded: 10/06/1989, as Instrument No. 22619, in Book 2062, on Page 226, of Official Records of Yolo County, California; Date of Sale: 03/07/2006 at 12:00 p.m. Place of Sale: At the rear (north) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA The purported property address is: 633 Kegle Drive, West Sacramento, California 95691 Assessors Parcel No. 014-287-011 Legal Description: Lot 102, Elkhorn Village No. 6, filed September 24, 1956, in Book 5 of Maps, Page 36, as amended by record of survey, filed April 4, 1957 in Book 8 of Maps and Surveys, Page No. 12,Yolo County records. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $39,955.02. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 02/10/2006 Meimet Default Services, Inc., As Trustee Laura Maib, Authorized Signatory 1820 E. First Street, Suite 410 Santa Ana, CA 92705-4063 Sale Information Line: 714-259-7850 Sale Information Website: Reinstatement and Pay-Off Requests: (714) 480-5472 This office is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 753769 02/15/2006, 02/22/2006, 03/01/2006

PUZZLES & COMICS

R.F.D.

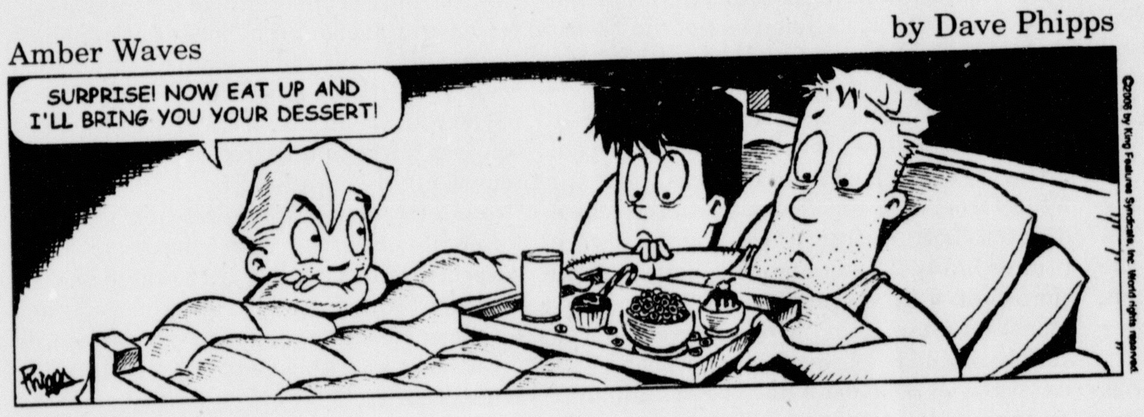
by Mike Marland

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

Amber Waves

by Dave Phipps



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

I MADE YOU AN ANCHOVY AND LINDBERGER CHEESE SANDWICH!!
...AND THEY SAY THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A FREE LUNCH.
THERE STILL ISN'T, BECAUSE YOU'D HAVE TO PAY ME TO EAT THIS!!
PICKERING

POPEYE
Hey EISMAN
THIS WAS GOING TO BE A NICE HIKE...
...NOW WE'RE LOST, AREN'T WE?
DON'T BE A DITZ!
SAILORS AIN'T NEVER LORST!
SAILORS IS NAVIGATORS...WE ALWAYS KNOWS WHERE WE IS!
OH YEAH? WELL, WHERE ARE WE?
HMM...I JUS' HASTA LOCATE THE NORTH STAR
IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED...
...IT'S DAYTIME... THERE AREN'T ANY STARS!
VER RIGHT! WE HASTA WAIT FER NIGHT!
WELL? IT'S DARK... WHERE'S THE STAR?
IT'S RAININ', OLIVE
I REALIZE THAT, "NAVIGATOR"... NOW WHAT?
IF IT STOPS RAININ' IN THE MORNIN'...
...I KNOW THE SUN COMES UP IN TH' EAST!
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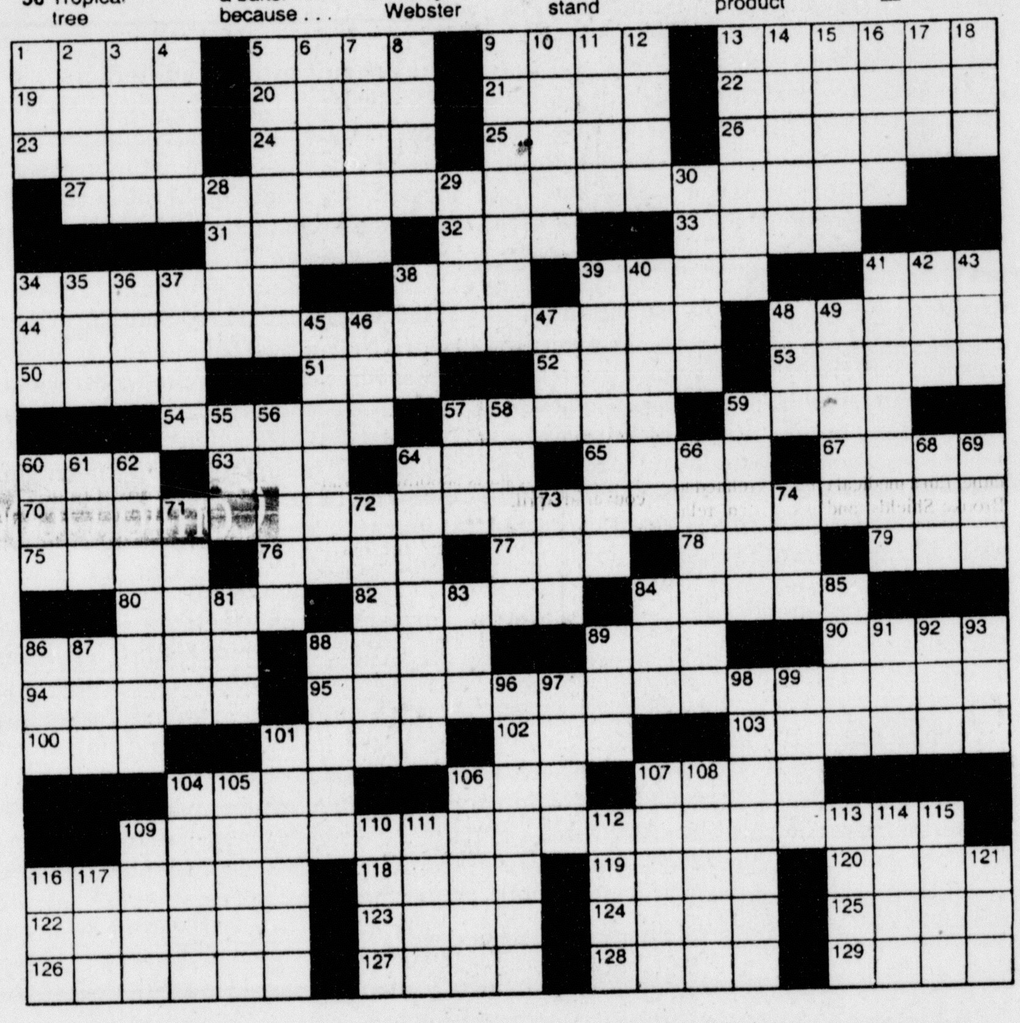
Our Story So Far...
TRANSPORTED BACK TO EARTH--- HELD CAPTIVE IN A TOP-SECRET GOVERNMENT INSTALLATION--- DALE ARDEN IS FREED BY MEMBERS OF AN ELITE ORGANIZATION...
SKREEEEEE!
...THE I.I.I.*
*INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS INSTITUTE
FLASH GORDON
BY JIM KEEFE
MISS ARDEN HAS FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE WITH THE SPACE PORTAL. IT'S IMPERATIVE SHE ACCOMPANY YOU.
IT'S A MISTAKE, TOM...
KREEMAR FOUNDATION
INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS INSTITUTE
BACK ON EARTH: TENSIONS RUN HIGH AT I.I.I. HEADQUARTERS
...SHE'LL JEOPARDIZE THE ENTIRE MISSION.
BLAST IT, PHIL, THIS ISN'T OPEN FOR DISCUSSION...
...SHE'S GOING WITH.
WHAT IS THIS, ROUND 3 OR 4?
MORE LIKE 15.
I'VE NEVER HEARD THEM GO HEAD TO HEAD LIKE THIS BEFORE. I WONDER WHY PHIL'S SO ADAMANT ABOUT LEAVING DALE BEHIND?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
HE WANTS TO KEEP HER OUT OF HARM'S WAY.
YOU MEAN THE OLD CURMUDGEON'S FALLEN FOR HER?
THE PROBLEM IS PHIL DOESN'T EVEN REALIZE IT.
AND IF HE'S NOT THINKING WITH A CLEAR HEAD ON THIS ONE...
THE FATE OF THE WORLD COULD BE AT STAKE.
SPACE PORTAL
TO BE CONT'D

Super Crossword

CAREER CHOICES

ACROSS
1 From the top
5 Pride of the pumped-up
9 St. Louis team
13 Dirty
19 118 Across' mistress
20 Way off base?
21 Director Kazan
22 Agenda item
23 Emcee's site
24 Melodious McEntire
25 Monastery dweller
26 Kindle
27 He became a Realtor because . . .
31 Form a cylinder
32 Broad st.
33 Savage sorts
34 Alarm
38 It may be strapless
39 Emulates Simon
41 Hibiscus garland
44 She became a pharmacist because . . .
48 — squash
50 Tropical tree
51 Wrinkly dog
52 Diva Destinn
53 Halloween happening
54 Raptor feature
57 Texas landmark
59 Out of gas
60 — Na Na
63 Scold and scold
64 Bolted the beans
65 Formerly
67 Dispel
70 He became an explorer because . . .
75 Get wind of
76 Cad
77 Watching machines?
78 Season firewood
79 Rock's — Leppard
80 Formal ceremony
82 Backslide
84 Exhausted
86 Euripidean tragedy
88 Lhasa —
89 Clarke or West
90 Model Carre
94 Simpson of fashion
95 She became a baker because . . .
100 Hordè of humpbacks
101 Not that
102 Oil apparatus
103 Least lighthearted
104 Wet blanket
106 Address abbr.
107 — vu
109 He became an electrician because . . .
116 — out (aided)
118 Hammett hound
119 Small businessman?
120 Vociferate
122 Elevated
123 Author Uris
124 "— She Sweet" ('27 song)
125 Cooper's tool
126 Size up
127 Drops the ball
128 Family members, to many
129 Part of Q..E.D.

DOWN
1 Clause connector
2 Wordy Webster
3 Part of HOMES
4 Cleanse
5 Excuses
6 Tom of "Baretta"
7 Computer language
8 Thin strip
9 Dislodgment
10 Isolated
11 Ho Chi —
12 Literary pen name
13 Poet —aney
14 Senator Hatch
15 Jeremy of "Waterland"
16 Praise
17 USNA grad
18 HST's successor
28 Schipa solo
29 Writer Paretsky
30 With diffidence
34 "For shame!"
35 Palindromic cry
36 "Fantasia" frame
37 Nab a gnat
38 Plead
39 Exercise expert Richard
40 Cashew kin
41 Couldn't stand
42 Directional suffix
43 Calligraphy supply
45 Highest point
46 Pantyhose problem
47 Soup veggie
48 Gibbon or gorilla
49 Vulgar
55 Comic Sothern
56 Woodworking tool
57 From — Z
58 Boxing blows
59 Neutral tone
60 "Quiet!"
61 TV's "— Haw"
62 Bestowed
64 Reference volumes
66 "— of Love" ('64 smash)
68 Grand — Opry
69 Mistaken
71 Historian Durant
72 Oracle site
73 "— had it!"
74 Rock's — at Work
81 — kwon do
83 Neighbor of Ger.
84 Dejected
85 Soybean product
86 Traveler's aid
87 Maestro de Waart
88 Grate stuff
89 Ryan or Foster
91 Knot it!
92 — and outs
93 NCO
96 Dondi and Annie
97 "Ars longa, — brevis"
98 Protests
99 "There oughta be —!"
101 Exchanges
104 Contradict
105 61 Down host
106 Play boy?
107 D.D. Emmett tune
108 Happening
109 They're sometimes hugged?
110 Auction
111 — -friendly
112 Act like an antelope
113 Basra's locale
114 Pianist Lupu
115 Signor Ferrari
116 Herd word
117 Oerter and Unser
121 TV's "Father —"



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X N V U W K S E L N T A L C Y
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Z N Y X T H V E W U T A G R A
Q S P O G R E B M O O L B M V

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Beame, Bloomberg, Dinkins, Giuliani, Gunther, Hewitt, Hylan, Impellitteri, LaGuardia, Lindsay, McKee, Peartree, Van Wyck, Walker, Willett

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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9	7			5				2
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging ★★★ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

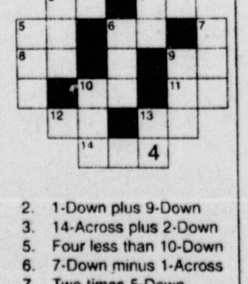
FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Answers to Puzzles Page 4

Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS
1. Consecutive odd digits in descending order
3. Four times 9-Across
4. 3-Across plus 13-Across
5. Eight more than 10-Across
6. Fifty less than 4-Across
8. Ten less than 10-Across
9. Seven less than 13-Across
10. 3-Across minus 13-Across
11. Five less than 6-Across
12. 8-Across plus 11-Across
13. 1-Down minus 8-Across
14. Eight times 12-Across

DOWN
1. Thirty more than 13-Down
2. 1-Down plus 9-Down
3. 14-Across plus 2-Down
5. Four less than 10-Down
6. 7-Down minus 1-Across
7. Two times 5-Down
9. Digits of 6-Down reversed
10. Five times 4-Across
13. Seven less than 8-Across

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DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

CRITIC'S CORNER
By D.N.A Smith

"Big Momma's House 2"

Running time: 99 minutes
MPAA rating: PG-13

What do you get when you combine Martin Lawrence with "Mrs. Doubtfire" and "The Pacifier," minus the jokes? A muddled, unfunny mess called "Big Momma's House 2."

While it may not be the worst movie of the year, it certainly is in the running. I mean, what can you say about a movie where the only funny character is a depressed Chihuahua that's hooked on tequila?

Lawrence plays FBI agent Malcom Turner, who takes a cushy PR position at the bureau to placate his worried, pregnant wife (Nia Long). When Turner gets word that his former partner has been murdered, he goes undercover as Big Momma, getting a job as a nanny to a cyberterrorist's family.

Of course, the film downshifts from being an action/comedy to trying to be a warm-fuzzy family comedy as Momma bonds with the children and helps them "become a family again." Cuz ya know, nothing says Competent Family Counselor like a second-rate hack comedian buried under 50 pounds of latex dispensing hackneyed homespun homilies.

Most of the gags that are remotely funny you've already seen in the previews. If watching Lawrence in a fat suit and a one-piece bathing suit run in slow motion a la Bo Derek in "10" is your idea of funny, then by all means blow the 10 bucks and see it on the big screen.

Martin Lawrence

Otherwise, avoid this movie like you would a root canal.

GRADE: F

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THE CHOPPING BLOCK
by Philomena Corradeno

PANCAKES ARE SHROVE TUESDAY TRADITION

At the mention of Shrove Tuesday or Mardi Gras, I think not of carnivals, parades and costumes. I think of pancakes because, traditionally, they were baked the day before Ash Wednesday to use up animal fats before Lent. In England, pancakes were cooked on Shrove Tuesday and races were held. Local women baked the pancakes at home then ran with one in the pan. Three separate times they had to flip the cake and catch it intact in the pan.

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Speaking of blueberries, one of the most popular uses is in muffins. Try our Best Blueberry Muffins. They're quick, easy and healthful.

FLUFFY BLUEBERRY PANCAKES

- *1 1/2 cups part-skim ricotta cheese or drained small-curd cottage cheese*
- *1/4 cup butter, melted*
- *4 egg yolks*
- *1/2 cup flour*
- *1/4 cup sugar*
- *2 teaspoons grated lemon peel (yellow part only)*
- *8 egg whites*
- *2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries*
- *Gingery Blueberry Sauce**

In a medium-sized bowl, combine ricotta, butter and egg yolks until blended. In a small bowl, stir together flour, sugar and lemon peel. Stir dry ingredients into ricotta mixture. In a medium-sized bowl, beat egg whites until they form soft peaks. Fold egg whites and then blueberries into batter. Over medium heat, form cakes by spooning 1/4 cup of batter per pancake onto a hot, lightly greased griddle or skillet. Cook cakes, turning once, until browned, about 4 minutes. Serve with Gingery Blueberry Sauce (recipe follows). Yield: 6 portions (24 pancakes).

*GINGERY BLUEBERRY SAUCE

In a large saucepan, combine 2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries, 1/4 cup sugar, 1 tablespoon cornstarch and 1 tablespoon chopped crystallized ginger (or 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger). Stir in 1/3 cup water. Over medium-high heat, bring to boil; cook and stir until sauce thickens, about 1 minute. Yields about 1 1/2 cups.

THE BEST BLUEBERRY MUFFINS

- *1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries*
- *1 3/4 cups plus 1 tablespoon flour, divided*
- *1/2 cup sugar*
- *1 teaspoon baking powder*
- *1/2 teaspoon baking soda*
- *1 teaspoon nutmeg*
- *3/4 teaspoon salt*
- *1 egg*
- *1 cup sour cream*
- *1/3 cup milk*

Preheat oven to 400 F. Grease 12 2-1/2-inch muffin cups. Toss blueberries with 1 tablespoon of the flour. Combine the remaining 1 3/4 cup flour, the sugar, baking powder, baking soda, nutmeg and salt; set aside. Beat egg, sour cream and milk; stir in flour mixture until just combined (batter will be lumpy). Stir in blueberries until evenly distributed. Fill muffin cups 2/3 full with batter. Bake about 20 minutes until golden. Yield: 12 muffins.

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CELEBRITY extra
by Evelyn Green

Glenn Close

Q: I'm betting that Glenn Close was once married to Michael Douglas, or was involved with him before they did "Fatal Attraction." Also, is it true she's related to Princess Diana? — *Nicolette M.*

A: Glenn Close has been married three times — never to Michael Douglas. He also never figured in any of her several relationships, one of which produced her now-teenaged daughter. The closest relationship Close and Douglas had before becoming film co-stars was as fellow alumni of a prep school, Choate Rosemary Hall in Connecticut.

Close, who lived for 16 years in the Belgian Congo (now Zaire), where her father ran a medical clinic, is related to Brooke Shields, and is a distant relative of Princes William and Harry, whose late mother was, of course, Princess Diana.

Glenn Close will repeat her stage role of Norma Desmond in the upcoming film remake of "Sunset Boulevard."

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Q: Can you please tell me something about Josh Lucas ("Stealth")? Is he related to Matthew McConaughey? — *B.A.*

A: Josh Lucas, who stars in the upcoming "Poseidon," and who is also sometimes credited as Joshua Lucas, was born in Little Rock, Ark., in 1971. He once dated Salma Hayak ("Frida"). As a child, he often joined his parents when they campaigned against nuclear energy. Although Lucas and McConaughey do look alike, they are not related.

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Q: Will Lucy Lawless ("Xena") return to "Battlestar Galactica"? — *Tim W.*

A: She certainly will. After her well-received short visit, Lawless will reprise as D'Anna Biers in a 10-episode arc on "Battlestar's" new season, which starts shooting in Vancouver in April.

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Q: I am looking for the movie title (for a film) that I think starred Burt Lancaster more than 20 years ago. It was about a traveling "executioner" who had a wagon equipped with an electric chair (that he and his assistant took to prisons around the country where they) would perform executions. — *C.P.*

A: The movie was called "The Traveling Executioner." It was made in 1970 and starred Stacy Keach as the executioner, Jonas Candide. Others in the cast included Marianna Hill, Bud Cort, Val Avery and M. Emmet Walsh, with a musical score by Jerry Goldsmith. Keach's character would comfort the condemned prisoners and even try to hypnotize them as a humanitarian act before pulling the switch.

Have a question for Evelyn? E-mail her at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com, or write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Comfort foods
Made fast and healthy
by JoAnna M. Lund

Let's Travel to Greece

There is something magical about the combination of spinach and feta cheese. When you combine them in this ultra-quick main dish, it's even more magical.

SPINACH AND FETA PIE

- *1 (10-ounce) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and thoroughly drained*
- *3/4 cup crumbled feta cheese*
- *1/4 cup chopped green onion*
- *1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon reduced-fat biscuit baking mix*
- *2/3 cup fat-free milk*
- *1/2 teaspoon lemon pepper*
- *2 eggs or equivalent in egg substitute*

Preheat oven to 400 F. Spray a 9-inch pie plate with butter-flavored cooking spray. In a large bowl, combine spinach, the feta cheese and green onion. Evenly arrange mixture in prepared pie plate. In same bowl, combine baking mix, milk, lemon pepper and eggs. Mix well to combine. Pour mixture evenly over spinach mixture. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until a knife inserted near center comes out clean. Place pie plate on a wire rack and let set for 5 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

• Each serving equals: 138 calories, 6g fat, 9g protein, 12g carb., 449mg sodium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Meat, 1/2 Vegetable, 1/2 Starch.

Visit JoAnna's Web site at www.healthyexchanges.com, or call toll-free at 1-800-766-8961 for more information about her "common folk" healthy recipes.

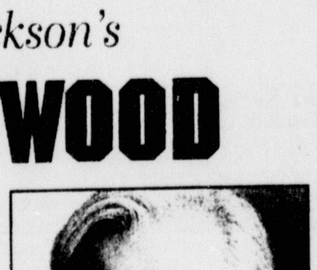
Jill Jackson's HOLLYWOOD

HOLLYWOOD ... You're probably sated with Oscar news, so let's look ahead to what's coming after the big event. ... **Robin Williams** has signed on to play Theodore Roosevelt in the **Ben Stiller** comedy "Night at the Museum." Stiller is the night watchman who discovers that the characters, under some kind of spell, come alive at night, and Theodore Roosevelt (Williams) leads the parade of antics. ... In real life, Williams is a great father, wonderful husband and one of Tinseltown's most solid citizens.

It looks like **Nicole Kidman** and **Jennifer Jason Leigh** will be reteaming after their turn in "The Squid and The Whale." **Scott Rudin** is working on an untitled tale, a follow-up of "Squid," about a mom and her son who visit the mom's sister. The two stars would play the sisters. ... As for Nicole and what she has had to say about her ex's new fatherhood, she hasn't said anything to me.

Aside to Jill B. of Cape Coral, Fla. **Meg Ryan** hasn't been much heard from lately after her divorce and several romantic romps, but she does have a lot of films coming up. Among them, "Papa," The Women" and "The Tortilla Curtain." And yup, she's one of my faves on screen. I don't know her personally, but if someone said you look like her, you are a lucky lady.

Sophia Loren's manse is on the market for $8.9 million. For that, you will get 38 acres in beautiful Hidden Valley (just outside L.A.). The acres are planted with oak, pine and a persimmon orchard. The house itself has three living rooms, six bedrooms, innumerable bathrooms, and is surrounded by a paved courtyard with an enclosed fireplace. And there's more!



Robert Osborne

TWO swimming pools, a staff house, a guesthouse, a barn and several other small buildings. Any takers?

HOLLYWOOD IS READING: After his wild account of **Marlon Brando's** life in "Brando Unzipped," Darwin Porter's "Katherine the Great: Secrets of a Lifetime Revealed" and "The Secret Life of Humphrey Bogart" are being devoured to learn things about **Kate Hepburn** and **Bogie's** lives that were never known till now. ... And, "Martha on Trial, In Jail and on a Comeback" by Robert Slater (Prentice Hall) tells all there is to know about **Martha Stewart** — the crime, the trial, the prison stay, her comeback and more.

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BITS 'N' PIECES: For me, **Charlize Theron** is still the most beautiful actress on the screen today, and by that I mean not just a beautiful model or singer, but a femme who can act. ... 'Tis being whispered that **Sandra Bullock** is ready to be a mom, and maybe by the time you read this there will be a bump in her belly.

Books

Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase For Lincoln's Killer
by James L. Swanson
(William Morrow, $26.95)
Reviewed by Larry Cox

James Swanson, an attorney and Lincoln scholar, has written an incredible account of the murder of President Abraham Lincoln and the search for his killer that followed. In meticulous detail, "Manhunt" provides all of the pertinent medical, investigative and historical information involving both the crime and its aftermath.

On the evening of April 14, 1865, John Wilkes Booth, armed with a pistol and knife, crept into Abraham Lincoln's box at Fords Theatre. He shot the president point blank and then leapt from the box onto the stage in order to make his escape. After injuring his leg, he limped to a back alley, where he quickly mounted a horse and then raced through the streets of Washington.

Within hours, one of the most dramatic manhunts in American history began.

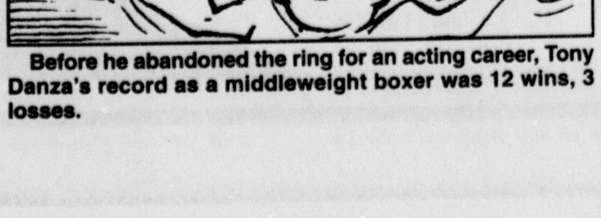
Even though this book reads like a page-turning suspense novel, every word of it is true. Swanson blows the dust off 140 years of history to bring both the murder and its fragile place in our national history into sharp focus. Authentic letters, testimonials, eyewitness accounts, trial transcripts and even entries from Booth's personal date book give this book a dazzling immediacy.

The reader is side-by-side with Booth as he gallops from Washington, D.C., into the swamps of Maryland and eventually to a barn in Virginia, where he is trapped. The twists and turns of the heart-thumping chase are almost unbearable as the book builds to its inevitable, bloody conclusion.

Although the market has been flooded with books about Lincoln in recent months, Swanson's superb account is historical reporting at its very best. Once you begin this book, be prepared for one of the most interesting literary rides of the year. My advice is to hang on tight and savor every word.

Books reviewed in this column are available online or at your local bookstore.

If you were in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, and traveled due North, the first foreign country you would hit would be the United States. Detroit, Michigan, is just across the Detroit River from Windsor.



Before he abandoned the ring for an acting career, Tony Danza's record as a middleweight boxer was 12 wins, 3 losses.

Moments in time
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On **March 5, 1658,** Antoine de la Mothe, Le Sieur de Cadillac, namesake of Cadillac cars, is born in Gascogny, France. Cadillac was an explorer who mapped the Great Lakes and founded Detroit, which today is affectionately known as the Motor City.

• On **Feb. 27, 1860,** President Abraham Lincoln poses for the first of several portraits by noted Civil War-era photographer Mathew Brady. A relatively new art form, the photograph (or daguerreotype) showed a beardless Lincoln just moments before he delivered an address at Cooper Union.

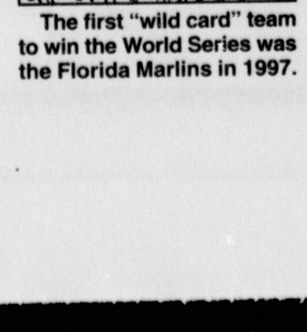
• On **March 3, 1931,** President Herbert Hoover signs a congressional act making "The Star-Spangled Banner" the official national anthem of the United States.

• On **March 2, 1944,** for the first time, the Academy Awards are presented as part of a televised variety show. Jack Benny served as master of ceremonies for the event, which was held at Grauman's Chinese Theater in Los Angeles. Due to lack of network interest, the show was only broadcast locally, on two Los Angeles TV stations.

• On **March 4, 1952,** Ernest Hemingway completes his short novel "The Old Man and the Sea." The book won the Pulitzer Prize in 1953 and would be his last significant work of fiction before his suicide in 1961.

• On **March 1, 1961,** President John F. Kennedy issues Executive Order 10924, establishing the Peace Corps as a new agency within the Department of State. Since 1961, more than 160,000 Americans have joined the Peace Corps, serving in 134 nations.

• On **Feb. 28, 1983,** "M*A*S*H," the cynical situation-comedy about doctors behind the front lines of the Korean War, airs its final episode after 11 seasons. The last episode drew 77 percent of the television viewing audience, the largest audience ever to watch a single TV show up to that time.



The first "wild card" team to win the World Series was the Florida Marlins in 1997.

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'ACROSS THE BRIDGE':

Events around the West Sacramento region

Healthy aging lectures

The UC Davis Center for Healthy Aging continues its ongoing lecture series, "Coming of Age 2006" at the UC Davis Cancer Center Auditorium located at 4501 X Street in Davis on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings of the month February through May, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The stimulating lecture series is free and open to the public. For more information call 734-4768.

Japanese food festival

The Sacramento Buddhist Church Women's Association and Adult Buddhist Association will hold their Annual Spring Japanese Food Festival on March 12th beginning at 10:30 a.m. Chicken teriyaki, maki sushi, California roll sushi, beef teriyaki sandwiches, pastries, and much more will be featured. Admission is free with proceeds from the food you purchase going to numerous church affiliated organizations.

The Sacramento Buddhist Church is located at 2401 Riverside Boulevard in Sacramento. For more information call 446-0121.

Dance concert

The 50 Annual Camellia International Dance Concert will be held on March 5th from 1-3:30 p.m. at CSUS. The event will feature local folk dance groups including Chinese, Serbian, Irish, Mexican, Italian, and many others. Easy to learn dances from various countries will be taught to the general public after the concert. Tickets are $6, available at the CSUS campus ticket office. For more information, call 371-4441.

Book sale

No More Homeless Pets in Sacramento County will host a "gently-used" book sale on March 18-19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Country Club Plaza Mall, 2310 Watt Avenue in Sacramento. Thousands of books will be available with the proceeds benefiting NMHP, a coalition of traditional shelters and animal control agencies. More information can be found on their website at www.nmhpsacto.org.

Banjo-Rama

The Sacramento Banjo Band is holding its annual Banjo-Rama on February 26th from 11:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Carmichael Elks Lodge, 5631 Cypress Avenue in Carmichael. There will be lively music featuring Hall of Fame banjo soloists and great banjo bands from Northern California and Oregon. Two stages will feature continuous entertainment and food, refreshments and free parking will be available. A $15 donation is requested at the door. Children 15 and under will be admitted free. For more information call Peggy Lewis at 383-0108.

Free job training

The Sacramento County Office of Educational Regional Occupational Program (ROP) is offering tuition-free career preparation training to both adults and high school students in fields such as automotive mechanics and collision repair, computer and business technology, hospital and community health, building repairs and dental assistance. Classes are held throughout the Sacramento region. For registration information call 228-2721, or go online to www.sacrop.org.

Cemetery tours

Free tours of the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery will be held on March 4 ("Symbolism and History"), March 18 ("What's Blooming in the Cemetery"), and March 22 ("Birds at the Cemetery"). The tours commence from the cemetery's main gate at Broadway and 10th Street in Sacramento. The tours are held under the auspices of the City of Sacramento Division of History and Science and are presented as a public service by the Old City Cemetery Committee. For more information call 448-0811.

Model T Club meeting

The Sacramento Valley Model T Club meets on the last Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 3235 Pope Avenue in Sacramento. The club schedules activities each month that includes tours, garage visits, and technical seminars. All interested people are invited to join, with dues being $25 per family. For more information, call 966-6514.

Young Author's Camp

Fairytale Town is kicking off its year of FunCamps with an exciting opportunity for aspiring writers and illustrators, ages 7-10. Children will write and illustrate original stories while learning the fundamentals of writing. To reserve a spot call 264-7462 or sign up in person at the park. The Young Author's Camp costs $50 for Fairytale Town members and $80 for nonmembers. The camps will take place on Sundays from 3-5 p.m. from February 5th to March 5th. For more information call 264-5233.

Fairytale Town is located at 3901 Land Park Drive in William Land Park in Sacramento.

Events at the Crocker

Sacramento's Crocker Art Museum will be featuring Tours of Early California Art on February 25 &26. Nonmember fees are $10.

In addition, the Crocker has lots of children and family events scheduled in February and for more information on those you can call 264-5423.

The Crocker is located at 216 O Street in downtown Sacramento. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday--Saturday. Admission is $6 for adults, $4 for seniors, and $3 for students.

Wildlife tours

The Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge will be giving a free docent guided walk beginning at 7:30 in the morning on February 25. To reach the refuge trail head, take Interstate 5 to the Elk Grove Boulevard exist, turn west, and park; the refuge trail head is adjacent to the highway.

Down syndrome information

The Down Syndrome Information Alliance Education Series features programs on the first Tuesday of each month with the hope of improving the knowledge of individuals and families affected by Down syndrome. Experts in education, advocacy, health care, etc., make presentations and a free light dinner and childcare is provided. The Down Syndrome Information Alliance meets at the Sutter Cancer Center, 2800 L Street in Sacramento. For more information, call 658-1686 or visit www.downsyndromeinfo.org.

Alzheimer's society meets

The Alzheimer's Aid Society of Northern California Support Group for the Memory Impaired will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in February at 10:30 a.m. at the Alzheimer's Aid Society Office, 2641 Cottage Way, Suite #4 in Sacramento. For more information on other related groups and meetings, call 448-7001.

Widowed persons meet

The Widowed Persons Association of California encourages widowed men and women to come to Sunday Support get-togethers each Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at the Widowed Persons Association office, located at 2628 El Camino Avenue, Suite D-18.

Activities include bowling, brown bag opera, needle and thread, breakfasts, dinners, golf, card games, dancing and traveling. For more information, call 972-9722.

Soroptimist club looks for honorees

West Sacramento's Soroptimist International Club will be sponsoring a number of community service awards and they need the help of the community in identifying worthy recipients. The awards are:

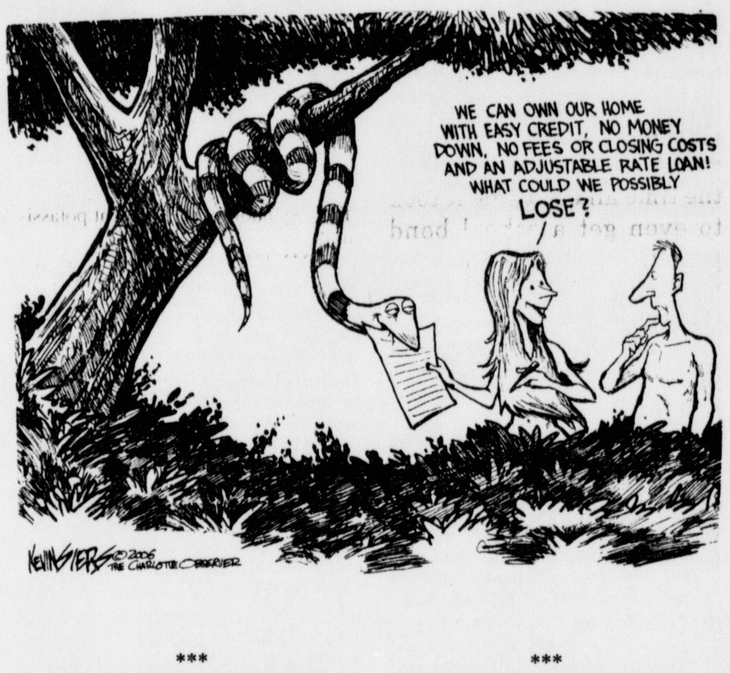
The Woman's Opportunity Awards program, which provides cash grants for women seeking to improve their employment status by gaining additional education and skills.

The Making a Difference for Women recognition program, which recognizes a woman, who through her active participation in her community, has truly made a difference for women. This should be a woman who has been active in the community for at least ten years.

Woman of Distinction, which honors those women who have served with distinction through community organizations.

The Women's Opportunity Award has a cash grant made to the recipient. The other two award winners will be honored with a donation to their favorite charity.

Anyone interested in providing names of persons they feel are qualified for any of the above mentioned awards can contact Soroptimist International of West Sacramento Committee Chairman Jeri Wingfield at 371-6778 or PO Box 94, West Sacramento, CA 95691.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LETTERS from p. 7

-- as long as the authors are willing to use their real names. Incidentally, the last two letters we declined to print were both quite opposed to Mr. Grimm's point of view and highly critical of Ms. Cotterell. But the authors would not allow their real names to be used, so the letters weren't published.

Mr. Grimm asks if some of the frequent letter-writers are "employees" of the newspaper. Assuming his question is sincere, the answer is "no." And while people might define "friend" in different ways, by no one's standard is friendship a factor in letter publication either.

As for the newspaper's agenda, it is simply to to call it like we see it. It's not personal on this end. Opposing opinions are always welcome.

Regarding Mr. Grimm's comments about "misappropriation" of funds by former RCHS athletic director Scott Seffens: some people might interpret this comment to mean "embezzlement." Our understanding from the Associate Superintendent is that expenditures were unaccounted for, but Mr. Seffens was not accused of embezzlement. There is certainly more to the matter, but this distinction in particular ought to be made clear.

-- Steve Marschke, Editor

New high school

As a taxpayer and former member of the Washington Unified School Board I have been following with interest the saga of West Sacramento's quest for a decent high school for our community. It is simply mind boggling the level of ill planning and non-implementation of any plan after all the time and struggle it took to even get a school bond passed. Now there is no moving forward with what plans are proposed. Why? Because no one had enough foresight to plan for the construction cost increase while our own community was and is in the middle of a building frenzy. What are we paying architects, consultants and the like for anyway?

I offer some more creative and novel approaches (short of the school district winning the next Lotto jackpot) as possible solutions to providing some of the necessary millions the district is short in order to begin building the desperately needed new high school.

In Newburgport, Massachusetts, $300 buys a plaque on a seat in the high school auditorium/theater, $10,000 gets a corporation's name on the principals' office, and $100,000 brands the library, cafeteria, gym, etc. You get the general ideal. There are a number of major businesses in West Sacramento that may be receptive to proposals of this nature and I am confident community members and parents would pay for every seat in the proposed theater. I'll offer to buy the first five seats at $300 per seat. Then there is the philanthropic multi-billionaire Bill Gates and his wife, Melinda, who founded the Gates Foundation, which seeks out educational settings that are in need of financial support and determines whether they will make an endowment to that school. It seems to me at this late point in the game, why not pull out all the stops and consider these type of options rather than revamping already designed plans (paying again, of course, for new designs), slashing theater sizes, campus structure, etc.? And if anyone pursues options of this nature why don't they have the Creative Writing English teacher write the presentation rather than pay some consultant or whoever more money? Now that makes sense -- someone who actually has hands-on experience in the classroom and can present a request with validity!

GARLA QUARNBERG
West Sacramento

Confusing the truth

Re: "Fiberals and their rotten lies." Sacramento Bee, 2/6: The writer implies everything coming from President Bush is A-1-OK, as if Bush's GOP has told citizens "the truth and nothing but the truth" all along, which is preposterous as this president has withheld more information from the public than any other in history. And such action results in partial truths, or lies to the public and Congress, whose approval of the Iraqi war was based on same. As long as we remain in a "state of war" we have only the Bush branch of government.

WILLIAM LOWELL
West Sacramento

Games

February 20-26, 2006

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: What was the last state to join the Union?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital city of Sicily?
3. TELEVISION: On "Star Trek," what was the color of Mr. Spock's blood?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which succeeding president said, "In the memory of our fallen president, we shall not fail"?
5. COMICS: What kind of creature was Pogo in the comic strip of the same name?
6. MOVIES: What was Elvis Presley's first movie?
7. SCIENCE: What is the Periodic Table symbol for the element potassium?
8. MYTHOLOGY: What was the name of the Roman goddess of flowers?
9. GAMES: What is the standard height of the net on a tennis court?
10. MEASUREMENTS: On the Celsius scale, what is the freezing point of water?

Answers

1. Hawaii
2. Palermo
3. Green
4. Harry Truman
5. A possum
6. "Love Me Tender"
7. K
8. Flora
9. 3 feet at the center strap, and 3 feet, 6 inches at the post
10. 0 degrees C

Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It is still unknown who made the following sage observation: "As a rule, a man who doesn't know his own mind hasn't missed much."

• Think it's miserably cold in your neck of the woods? Sick of shoveling snow and scraping ice? Be glad you don't live in Alaska's Juneau Icefield — it gets an average of 100 feet of snow every year.

• Those who are specialists in such matters say that there are 15,000 different varieties of rice.

• King Camp Gillette was the inventor of the disposable razor, but he didn't always think in terms as small as common household items. He originally wanted to build a utopian metropolis, and he chose the south shore of Lake Ontario as the ideal location. His vision was to provide homes for 60 million people in huge complexes of 25-story buildings, with all the city's power provided by Niagara Falls.

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan. 13, 2006
File No. 2006-53

The following person is doing business as Skip's Commercial Sweeping, 1612 Fillmore Pl., West Sacramento CA 95691:

Christofer James Peppas, same address

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/13/06.

/s/Christofer James Peppas

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Date: Jan 13 2006
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 12, 2006
File No. 2006-046

The following person is doing business as Advanced Building Innovations, Inc., 333 Aspen Ct., Roseville CA 95678:

Timothy J. Murphy, 333 Aspen Ct., Roseville CA 95678; James K. Hanna, 3610 Miwok Plc, Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by a Calif. Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, '06.

/s/Tim Murphy
President/CEO
Advanced Building Innovations

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Feb 15 – Mar 8

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb 1, 2006
File No. 2006-128

The following person is doing business as Victory Homes, 110 Pioneer Ave., Woodland CA 95776:

Angel and Associates, G.P., a California general partnership, of which the general partners are Angel Group, Inc., a Calif. Corporation, and R.T. Angel, Inc., a California corp., both at 201 Concourse Blvd., Suite B, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/23/2005.

/s/Robert Angel, President
Angel Group, Inc., and R.T. Angel, Inc.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb 6, 2006
File No. 2006-150

The following person is doing business as Murphy Hanna Homes Inc., 3610 Miwok Plc., Davis CA 95616:

Timothy J. Murphy, 333 Aspen Ct., Roseville CA 95678; James K. Hanna, 3610 Miwok Plc., Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/6/06.

/s/Tim Murphy
President/CEO
Murphy Hanna Construction

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State of California
County of Yolo
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Date: Feb 6, 2006
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Feb 15 – Mar 8

NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE WEST SACRAMENTO REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT NO.1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of West Sacramento (the "City Council") and the West Sacramento Redevelopment Agency (the "Agency") will hold a joint public hearing on March 15, 2006, at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the City Council Chambers, located in the West Sacramento Civic Center at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, in West Sacramento, to consider and act upon the proposed Fourth Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan (the "Amendment") for the West Sacramento Redevelopment Project No.1 (the "Project") and to consider all evidence and testimony for or against the approval and adoption of the proposed Amendment. At any time not later than the hour set forth above for the hearing of objections to the proposed Amendment, any person may file in writing with the City Clerk of the City of West Sacramento a statement of objections to the proposed Amendment. At the day, hour and place of the hearing, any and all persons having any objections to the proposed Amendment, or the regularity of any of the prior proceedings, may appear before the City Council and the Agency and show cause why the proposed Amendment should not be adopted. At the hour set forth above for hearing of objections, the City Council and the Agency shall proceed to hear all written and oral objections to the proposed Amendment.

In addition, the City Council and the Agency will, at the same time and place, hold a joint public hearing to consider the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the proposed Amendment and consider all evidence and testimony for or against the certification of the Final EIR. At the day, hour and place of the hearing, all interested persons desiring to comment on, or having objections to, the content or adequacy of the Final EIR may appear before the City Council and the Agency and be heard.

The purpose of the proposed Amendment is to: 1) increase the limit on the amount of tax increment the Agency can receive; 2) increase the bonded indebtedness limit; 3) re-establish Agency authority to use eminent domain within the Project Area for an additional 12 years; and 4) refine the list of public improvement projects the Agency anticipates helping to construct during the remaining duration of the Redevelopment Plan.

The legal description of the boundaries of the Project Area, the proposed Amendment, the EIR, and the Report of the Agency to the City Council on the Amendment are available for inspection during normal business hours at the office of the West Sacramento Redevelopment Agency and at the office of the City Clerk located in the West Sacramento Civic Center at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, in West Sacramento. A copy of the legal description of the boundaries is available upon request, free of charge. Copies of the other documents are available upon payment of the costs of reproduction.

The community is also invited to attend a meeting of the Project Area Committee for the West Sacramento Redevelopment Project Area No. 1 (PAC) on February 13, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. at the West Sacramento City Hall Galleria located in the West Sacramento Civic Center at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, in West Sacramento. The purpose of the meeting is to present the proposed Amendment, consult with and obtain the input of residents and community organizations on the proposed Amendment; and receive the recommendation of the PAC on the proposed Amendment.

The community is also invited to attend the March 8, 2006 meeting of the City Council at 7:00 p.m. at the West Sacramento City Hall located in the West Sacramento Civic Center at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, in West Sacramento. The City Council is scheduled to review the proposed amendments in a workshop format as part of their agenda. Please note that the agenda and schedule is subject to modification, as necessary.

JAN 25 – MAR 15 (8x)

AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA CONJUNTA SOBRE LA CUARTA ENMIENDA PROPUESTA PARA EL PLAN DE REURBANIZACIÓN PARA EL PROYECTO NO. 1 DE REURBANIZACIÓN DE WEST SACRAMENTO

POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que el Concejo Municipal de la Ciudad de West Sacramento (el "Concejo Municipal") y la Agencia de Reurbanización de West Sacramento (la "Agencia") llevarán a cabo una audiencia pública conjunta el 15 de marzo de 2006, a las 7:30 p.m., o lo antes posible con posterioridad a dicha fecha, en las Cámaras del Concejo Municipal, ubicadas en el Centro Cívico de West Sacramento en 1110 West Capitol Avenue, en West Sacramento, para considerar y poner en práctica lo propuesto en la Cuarta Enmienda al Plan de Reurbanización (la "Enmienda") para el Proyecto No. 1 de Reurbanización de West Sacramento (el "Proyecto") y para considerar toda evidencia y testimonio a favor o en contra de la aprobación y adopción de la Enmienda propuesta. En cualquier momento que no sea después del horario establecido para la audiencia de objeciones a la Enmienda propuesta, toda persona puede presentar por escrito al Secretario Municipal de la Ciudad de West Sacramento una declaración de objeciones a la Enmienda propuesta. En el día, hora y lugar de la audiencia, todas y cada una de las personas que tengan algo que objetar sobre la Enmienda propuesta, o sobre la regularidad de cualquiera de los procedimientos anteriores, pueden presentarse ante el Concejo Municipal y ante la Agencia y exponer las razones por las cuales piensan que dicha Enmienda no debería adoptarse.

En el horario que se establece arriba para la audiencia de objeciones, el Concejo Municipal y la Agencia procederán a escuchar todas las objeciones orales y escritas a la Enmienda propuesta.

Asimismo, el Concejo Municipal y la Agencia llevarán a cabo una audiencia pública conjunta para considerar el Informe de Impacto Ambiental (EIR) sobre la Enmienda propuesta, y considerar toda evidencia y testimonio a favor o en contra de la certificación del EIR Final. En el día, hora y lugar de la audiencia, todas las personas interesadas que deseen hablar u objetar sobre el contenido o la idoneidad del EIR Final pueden presentarse ante el Concejo Municipal y ante la Agencia y serán escuchados.

El objetivo de la Enmienda propuesta es: 1) aumentar el límite del monto de incremento fiscal que la Agencia puede recibir; 2) aumentar el límite de endeudamiento con bonos; 3) reestablecer la autoridad de la Agencia para hacer uso del derecho de expropiación dentro del Área del Proyecto durante 12 años más; y 4) mejorar la lista de proyectos de reformas públicas que la Agencia espera ayudar a construir durante el tiempo de duración del Plan de Reurbanización.

La descripción legal de los límites del Área del Proyecto, la Enmienda propuesta, el EIR, y el Informe de la Agencia al Concejo Municipal sobre la Enmienda, se encuentran a disposición para su análisis durante los horarios normales de trabajo en la oficina de la Agencia de Reurbanización de West Sacramento y en la oficina del Secretario Municipal, ubicada en el Centro Cívico de West Sacramento, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, en West Sacramento. A solicitud se encuentra disponible, sin cargo, una copia de la descripción legal de los límites. Las copias de los demás documentos se encuentran disponibles pagando los costos de reproducción.

También se invita a la comunidad a asistir a la reunión del Comité del Área de Proyecto para el Área No. 1 del Proyecto de Reurbanización de West Sacramento (PAC), el 13 de febrero de 2006, a las 6:00 p.m., en la Galería del Ayuntamiento de West Sacramento, ubicada en el Centro Cívico de West Sacramento, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, en West Sacramento. El objetivo de la reunión es presentar la Enmienda propuesta, consultar con los residentes y las organizaciones y recibir sus aportes sobre la Enmienda propuesta; y obtener la recomendación del PAC sobre la misma.

También se invita a la comunidad a asistir a la reunión del Concejo Municipal el 8 de marzo de 2006 a las 7:00 p.m. en el Ayuntamiento de West Sacramento, ubicado en el Centro Cívico de West Sacramento, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, en West Sacramento. El Concejo Municipal tiene programado, como parte de su agenda, realizar un taller para revisar las enmiendas propuestas. Por favor, tenga en cuenta que la agenda y el programa están sujetos a modificación, si así fuera necesario.

Con fecha:
Secretario Municipal, Ciudad de West Sacramento
Publicar: El 1 de febrero de 2006; el 8 de febrero de 2006; el 15 de febrero de 2006; el 22 de febrero de 2006; el 1 de marzo de 2006; y el 8 de marzo de 2006

Feb 25 – Mar 15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2006-165

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Telecom*USA, c/o 2730 Gateway Oaks Drive Suite 100 Sacramento CA 95833.
Registrant(s) name and address:
Teleconnect Long Distance Services and Systems Company, 22001 Loudoun County Parkway, Ashburn, VA 20147.
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/ Jana L. Crain, Vice President.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 02/08/2006.
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/01/2006.
NOTICE-This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2006-149

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
STEWART & STEVENSON, 1039 & 1041 EAST LACY STREET, ANAHEIM, CA 92805.
Registrant(s) name and address:
SIERRA DETROIT DIESEL ALLISON, INC., ATTN:LEGAL DEPT. 2707 NORTH LOOP WEST, HOUSTON, TX 77008
This business is conducted by A CORPORATION
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/ CARL B. KING
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of YOLO County on FEBRUARY 6, 2006
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on SEPTEMBER 1, 2000
NOTICE-This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time.
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Local Scene

Child advocates

Volunteers are needed to become advocates for abused, neglected or abandoned children in Yolo County. Volunteers trained by Yolo County Court Appointed Special Advocates become mentors, role models and advocates, providing the court with information on the child's background and needs. Generally, volunteers spend 3-5 hours per week for a period of at least 18 months. Attend an information session at Starbucks, 2038 Lyndell Terrace in Davis at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16. RSVP to (530) 661-4200.

Crab feed

The West Sacramento Elks will host a crab feed on Sat., Feb. 25 at 423 Third St., with dinner "at 6:30 p.m. sharp." Fresh crab, antipasto, salad, and trimmings. There will be a raffle to follow. Donation is $30. Call (916) 206-2198.

Switzerland

Join members of the "West Sacramento Adventure & Travel Club" on Feb. 27 at 6 p.m. at Nugget Market for a "visit" to Switzerland. Sponsored by Active Aging Services, City of West Sacramento. Call 373-5819 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. for more information.

State librarian

Susan Hildreth, State Librarian of California, will be the dinner speaker for the West Sacramento Friends of the Library annual dinner on Feb. 28 at the VFH Hall, 905 Drever Street. A 6 p.m. social hour will be followed by catered dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $10. Both members and non-members are welcome; pick up a reservation form at the library, 1212 Merkley Avenue, or mail your check to the West Sacramento Friends of the Library, PO Box 692, West Sacramento CA 95691 by Feb. 22. For information, call 371-4877.

Dinner/auction

Our Lady of Grace School will hold its annual Dinner & Auction on Sat., March 4 at 5:30 p.m. "Tropical paradise" theme includes Caribbean-style dinner and hosted bar. $35 per person. Raffle prizes include $1,000 gas card and trip for two to Maui (raffle tickets may also be purchased at school office; need not be present to win. For reservations, call Erin at 373-0241.

Fight leukemia

Students at Evergreen Elementary School will be asking for your spare change through March 3, as part of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's "Pennies for Patients" campaign to find a cure. For more information, contact teacher Angela Williams or call the Society at (916) 348-1793.

Adult softball

Spring men's and co-ed softball signups are being accepted by the city parks department. Early bird registration prior to March 3 is $375 per team; after March 3 $400/team (plus $5 per player for nonresidents). Both a "more competitive" and a "recreational" league are available. Play runs April 3 through June 16. Call 617-4620.

St. Pat's breakfast

The Holy Cross Altar Society will host a St. Patrick's Day Breakfast from 10-11:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 12, at 1321 Anna Street. Cost is $4 for adults and $3 for kids 12 and under. Scrambled eggs & fixins'. Door prizes, bake sale & jams.

Railroad exhibit

A display on the Sacramento Northern Electric Railroad is the focal point of the West Sacramento Historical Society Museum & Visitors Center, through May 31 at 324 Third Street. Hous are Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and weekends noon to 5 p.m. This railroad and others traveled through West Sacramento in the early 1900s. For more information, call 374-1849.

Healthy kids

You're invited to join the Yolo County Children's Health Initiative on Thursday, March 9, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at West Sacramento City Hall, for a kick-off meeting on a campaign to provide health insurance to all of Yolo County's children. For more information, call Katie Villegas, (530) 757-5558 (katie.villegas@yolocounty.org), or Jackie Hausman, (530) 669-2330 (jhausman@-yolochildren.org).

'Cruise' for Elderly Nutrition

The Davis chapter of Soroptimist International will host a "Cruising With Soroptimists" from 6-10 p.m. on Sat., March 4. The event will benefit the county's Elderly Nutrition Program and "Meals on Wheels," which brings meals to shut-ins in the county. The event will include a buffet catered by Buckhorn and both a silent auction and a live auction. Tickets are $50; call Jolaine Beers at 372-0130 or the Elderly Nutrition Program, (530) 662-7035.

Food giveaway

The Food Bank of Yolo County will distribute food to eligible residents at the Community Lutheran Church in West Sacramento from 10:30-11:15 a.m. on Feb. 21; the Clarksburg Firehouse from 10:30-11:30 a.m. on Feb. 27; and the West Sacramento county building at 500 Jefferson Blvd. from 9-11 a.m. on Feb. 28. Please bring a bag. For information on eligibility, call (530) 758-6821.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten registration for the Washington Unified School District will be held Tuesday, March 7 at your child's neighborhood school. Bring immunization records, proof of physical, birth certificate, social security card and a copy of your PG&E bill for address verification. Immunizations must be up to date. For more information, call 375-7604.

For nonprofits

Starbucks has announced it will award up to $1 million in grants to California nonprofit groups that "allow children the opportunity to grow and flourish. Application deadline is March 12. Visit www.starbuckscalgiving.com.

Trip to Australia

A West Sacramento girl raising money for an organizational trip to Australia is holding a spaghetti fundraiser on Friday, March 10, at 5:30 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 905 Drever Street. Donation is $12.50; children 11 and under free. Proceeds benefit Brittany Carlson's trip. Call Ritchie Carlson, 372-2930, for tickets.

History

Students whose families lived in Yolo County around the late 1800s to early 1900s will perform in a historical reenactment program at the Feb. 26 meeting of the Yolo County Historical Society, 2 p.m. at the West Sacramento Senior Center, 664 Cummins Way. Open to the public. Sponsored by the county and city historical societies.

Delta HS benefit

A "Celtic Irish Tea and Concert" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 11 will benefit the Delta High School Scholarship Fund. The event will be held at the River Delta Grand Island Mansion in Walnut Grove; $25 donation. Call 371-1851.

Agroterror

The Yolo County Department of Agriculture will host a workshop on "Understanding the Dangers of Agroterrorism," 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 1 at the department office, 70 Cottonwood Street in Woodland. Call (530) 666-8140 or email barbara.christopherson@-yolocounty.org.

Medicare help

Area 4 Agency on Aging is offering free help to Medicare beneficiaries signing up for Medicare Part D prescription drug plan. Call (916) 486-1876 ext. 145, to speak to Lori Howton and request an appointment.

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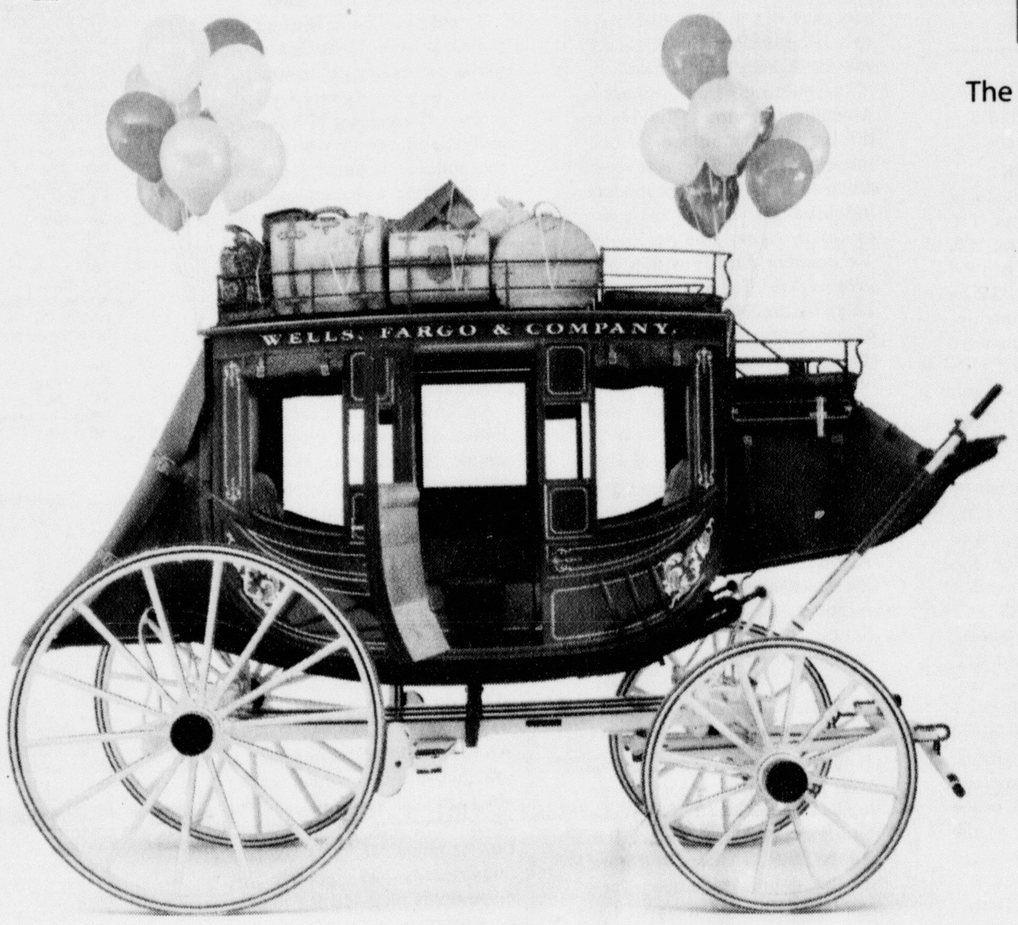

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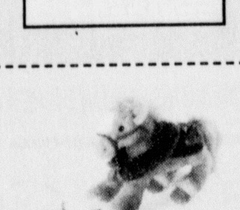

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